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Minutemen in Boston!

Wilmington Minutemen participated in Boston's Patriot's Day Parade with, from left, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Captain Frank West, Pvt. Harlow Spanks, Company Sgt. J. D. Spanks, Pvt. Keith Major, Chaplain Mike Kelley, Chaplain Assistant Austin Major, and Lieutenant Hugh McNeil. Interested in joining or have questions: call Captain Frank West 978-658-1754.

(courtesy photo)

School Committee receives superintendent's report

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand's report for the School Committee on Wednesday April 12 pertained to summer athletics and enrichment, the last day of school, regional training, the Wildwood MSBA process, and progress relative to the superintendent's goals.

Brand assured the community that relevant information would be going out regarding the athletic summer program promptly. He shared that 13 clinics would be offered over the course of six weeks beginning on June 21. One of the new summer sports clinics he mentioned was wrestling.

School Committee member M. J. Byrnes asked if there would be a mechanism for families struggling financially to be able to participate. Brand replied that they could reach out to the district for financial support. He also said that he believed the cost to be a modest price for the program.

Assistant Superintendent Christine Elliott described the summer enrichment program for which planning is already underway. This would be offered to students entering grades 6-12. Some of the courses that students may choose include intro to robotics, summer book club, spicing up your college essay, kitchen basics from scratch, and mathematics of knitting. More information on the enrichment program would be dispersed to the district in school principal newsletters. Elliott also said that they're fully staffed for this program and almost fully staffed for regular summer school.

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Former Wilmington teacher Woburn's technology director Judkins takes over as school system's top financial officer

By PATRICK BLAIS

WOBURN — With few suitors expressing interest in the full-time gig, Schools' Technology Director Jennifer Judkins will temporarily step-up to replace outgoing Assistant Superintendent for Finance Robert Alconada.

During the latest meeting of the city's School Committee, Superintendent Dr. Matthew Crowley announced that he is appointing Judkins to the interim leadership role so the former science teacher can further explore her interest in school finance.

Alconada, who took over for veteran Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Joseph Elia in the summer of 2020, announced earlier this winter that he is stepping down from his post at the end of the 2023 fiscal year.

According to Crowley, with no qualified candidates responding to recent ads searching for Alconada's replacement,

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Wilmington ready for town election this Saturday

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington closes in on the final few days in the countdown to election day for the 2023-2024 year. The election falls on April 22, 2023 this year, which is this Saturday. Voting will take place in the span of 12 hours.

Candidates are wrapping up their campaigns, voters are preparing to practice their civic duty, and those working the election are preparing for the big day ahead!

The candidates on the ballot this year are as follows:

In the race for the Select Board, incumbent Gary DePamla is running alongside newcomer James DeFeo, as well as candidate Frank West.

In the race for the Wilmington School Committee, incumbent Jennifer R Bryson runs alongside newcomer Michael Mercaldi.

Finally, newcomer candidate Louis Cimaglia IV is running unopposed for the Wilmington Housing Authority.

Those who needed to register to vote and wanted to do so in time for the annual town election, they must have done so by April 12 at 5 p.m.

Links to register to vote and to check voting registration are available on the Wilmington MA website.

For those voting by mail, they must have sent in their application to do so by April 17 at 5 p.m., and must have their completed ballot in Town Hall by 8 p.m. on election day.

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Despite interest, committee votes against school choice

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The School Committee considered school choice for 2023-2024 at their most recent meeting on Wednesday, April 12. Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand opened their discussion by explaining that this is an annual vote that school committees across the commonwealth must take up.

He reminded the community that participation in the school choice program would allow non-resident students to choose to attend the schools within that district. Once a non-resident student enters the district, they must remain there through graduation.

He shared that participation varies widely throughout the state, suggesting that most towns and cities don't participate.

"Historically our district has not voted to participate," he said.

Instead, only Wilmington residents have been able to attend Wilmington schools this year and in the past.

He then spoke to consideration for the decline of enrollment in Wilmington, particularly in 8th grade and above, which may lead the committee or residents to be open to school choice. However,

he suggested that the current state of the Wildwood MSBA process leaves possible grade realignment up in the air.

Instead, he agreed that they would have a much better idea of possible grade realignments at this time next year. While he did say there is room in the middle and high school for students from other towns, he proposed

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Scouts learn about pets

By PAIGE IMPINK
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TEWKSBURY — Girl Scout Troop 83441 of the Tewksbury/Wilmington Baldwin Service Unit visited The Auntie Dog Training Studio last week to complete their Brownie Pets Badge.

The girls, ages 7 to 10 years old, toured the Main Street facility with their troop leaders Amy Meagher and Nicole DeGennaro to learn about pet care, health and training.

The purpose of the Brownie Pets badge is to know how to take care of a pet, according to Girl Scouts of America. The Brownie

badge's requirements include learning how to feed a pet, making a pet feel loved, learning the needs of different types of pets, keeping a pet comfy, and helping a pet feel healthy and safe.

The badge is designed to help scouts learn what pet may be right for them, or if they have a pet, how best to care for it.

The Scouts met with studio director Liz Cleaves and trainers Jennifer Ahern and Julia Spence. Cheryl Knowles from the Tewksbury Police Department, Veterinary Technician Liane Mitchell from Best Pets Veterinary Hospital in Tewksbury, and Auntie Dog volunteer Kelly Farias were also on hand to answer questions and work with the scouts.

The Brownie troop listened to dog heartbeats, learned how to walk a dog,

and were instructed how to safely greet a dog. Of special importance was learning about Service Dogs and Therapy Dogs. The scouts were treated to a visit by Tewksbury Police Department Therapy Dogs Officer Waffles and Dr. Brownie.

Dog "speakers" included TDI Therapy Dogs Hailey, a Golden Doodle, and Bos-

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Now taking poetry contest submissions until April 29

Poetry Contest

Be brave, be bold! Pluck up the courage and submit a poem for the 2023 Poetry Contest! All ages can submit a poem, written with the theme Courage in mind, now through April 29. Please read through our contest rules and information before submitting. Contestants can submit online or print a submission form and bring their poem to the library. If you're having any trouble, please email us at kids@wilmlibrary.org.

Adult Programs

Bookends Book Group

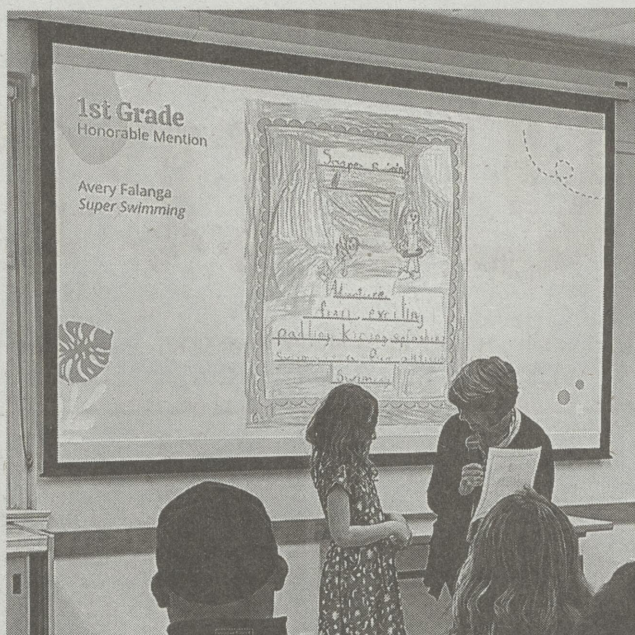
Monday, April 24, 10 a.m.
This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Associate Rebecca Lowe. Copies of the book are available at the library. The featured book for April is *The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams* by Stacy Schiff.

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, April 25, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Saturday, April 29, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Game On!

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.
Play a number of board games under the guidance of gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. All are welcome. Ages 12+



▲ Submit a poem for our 2023 Poetry Contest by April 29 and attend our Poetry Contest Reception on May 10 at 7 p.m. Pictured is poet Avery Falanga and Library Director Tina Stewart at the 2022 Poetry Contest Reception. (courtesy photo)

VIRTUAL Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras. If you are interested in attending this event, please email the Adult Services Librarian at adultservices@wilmlibrary.org. Please include the title of the program in the subject heading. This

event will be held over Zoom. You will receive an invite from the presenter prior to the program date.

Intro to Nature Journaling

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
Join Andrew Prazar from North Shore Nature Programs for a nature walk through Hathaway Acres and an introduction to the practice of nature journaling.

Needleworkers

Friday, April 28, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your

knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

Youth Programs

Wilmington Community Playgroup

Monday, April 24, 10 a.m.
The Community Teamwork Family Resource Network is here for weekly playgroup sessions! Join us for our community playgroup where we will work on Early Literacy skills and much, much more! Ask us about any resources we can help provide for you and your family. Registration is for this day only. For more Community Playgroups, register for each date you're available to attend. Ages 0-6

Multiplayer Monday

Monday, April 24, 2 p.m.
On Monday afternoons in March and April, the Baldwin Room (the small room in Youth with the comfy chairs) will be reserved for teens in grades 6-12 to use the Nintendo Switch with our projector! Try out the latest games, play with friends, and make new ones. No registration required, just come by if you're around! Grades 6-12

Explore the Solar System with Miss Frizzle

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.
Have fun learning about the science of our solar

system with Miss Frizzle! Ages 3+

Read to Brandie

Thursday, April 27, 6 p.m.
Come read to Brandie, a loveable dog that loves to listen to kids read! Sign up for one 15 minute session per family. Siblings and caregivers are welcome. Grades K-6

Exploration Station: Our Environment

Friday, April 28, 10 a.m.
Develop STEAM and early literacy skills through fun, hands-on experiments and activities. This month's theme is Earth and Our Environment! Ages 2-5

Teen Book Club

Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m.
Join us for April Teen Book Club! Copies of *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig are available to check out at the Youth Desk. Grades 9-12

VIRTUAL D&D

Saturday, April 29, 3 p.m.
Interested in finding out more about this fantasy tabletop role-playing game, or looking for a group to play with? Join us for a virtual campaign via Discord, a private server, every month with DM Mike! We use D&DBeyond to track and create our characters. Track the characters. Please register using the email address where you'd like to receive the Discord invitation (no school emails, please). You will receive the Discord invita-

tion via email at least an hour before the program begins. Please email us at teens@wilmlibrary.org with any questions. Grades 6-8

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door

The Book Store Next Door is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

Robotics team gives update on past year's success

WILMINGTON — The School Committee meeting last Wednesday night featured presentations from different middle school representatives, the acceptance of a donation to the WHS Lamplighters Guild, and recognition of committee member Melissa Plowman.

The regular middle school representatives to the School Committee shared some recent activities at the school including the 7th and 8th grade dances, march madness tournament, MCAS, Project 351 clothing donation drive, and advisory block Panorama lesson called "Crest of Strength."

Members of the middle school robotics teams, Apollo and Artemis, joined the meeting to present their efforts over the past year. They clarified that 7th and 8th grade students are on the Apollo team, and 6th and 7th graders make up the Artemis team.

The Apollo team spent the past year learning and mastering incorporating linear slides, implementing machine learning, utilizing a camera as a sensor, and working in 3-D design and printing.

The Artemis team has been learning about mechanics, engineering, programming, and working as a team. The team re-

cently placed 22nd in their state championship where they competed among 35 other teams, 34 of which were high school teams.

The committee asked the group members what happens at the end of the year to the robots. The answer delivered said that they get new parts each year and save the previous robots as examples to build off.

Plowman told the students that she was impressed and proud of them and their leadership.

"A sign of great leadership is recognizing the strengths of others and highlighting them," she said.

Stephen Turner remarked at the size of the group, which is made up of over 70 students.

Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand said that it was exciting to see their growth and thanked the teacher advisors involved for their support.

A member of Wilmington Public Schools Choral and Theatre Support, or CATS, shared briefly as the committee prepared to ac-

cept a donation to the WHS Lamplighters Guild. They explained that they support the middle and high school drama clubs, choruses, and a cappella groups.

They hold fundraisers to raise money to fund student trips, travel expenses, end of year banquets, and scholarships for graduating seniors. They requested that their donation of \$5,000 be deposited into the Lamplighters Guild student activities account for any needs related to the drama club plays or musicals.

Turner called out the large number of students involved in drama and theater at the two schools. He specifically said that he enjoyed the recent production of *School of Rock* where high school and middle school students performed and worked together.

The CATS representative said that this collaboration helped build the bridge between middle and high school along with bringing new talent, enthusiasm, and energy into the theater.

The committee voted in favor of accepting the donation. They also approved the academic calendar for the next school year, after previously agreeing not to change the wording of "Columbus Day" in any way.

They nominated Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson to represent the committee in upcoming School Cafeteria Employees Association contract negotiations. Brand said that the current contract expires in June. Turner volunteered to be an alternate.

Plowman shared subcommittee reports from the Wilmington Educational Foundation (WEF) and the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). She described the most recent WEF meeting where they considered technology grant applications and divided the funds by the requests. She noted there that many of the grant requests aligned with the School Committee's initiatives, especially around diversity and inclusion.

She also shared that

SEPAC had a virtual workshop about preparing for college with social needs and learning differences.

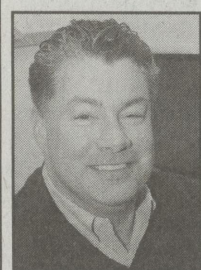
Bryson spoke on behalf of the committee in recognition of Plowman's leadership during her time on the committee. She highlighted Plowman's dedication, knowledge, good judgment, participation in various committees, and addressing social-emotional and mental health needs of students. She said Plowman focused on the students and made the committee better.

In response, Plowman said that it was a difficult decision she had made not to run for re-election because she's passionate about the work. She was also moved by the dedication of the rest of the committee. She said she was honored to have the chance to work with them and that she learned a lot professionally during her service.

Turner added that he learned from Plowman's patience and knowledge. The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 7 p.m.

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by Todd Brisbois



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A TIN can be one of the following numbers: Social Security; Employer identification; Individual taxpayer identification; or Adoption taxpayer identification.

What is backup withholding?

Backup withholding can apply to most kinds of payments reported on Forms 1099 and W-2G. The person or business paying the taxpayer doesn't generally withhold taxes from certain payments; however, there are situations when the payer is required to withhold a certain percentage of tax to make sure the IRS receives the tax due on this income. The payer's requirement to withhold taxes from payments not otherwise subject to withholding is known as backup withholding. The current backup withholding tax rate is 24%.

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'Time to allow school choice fast approaching'

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they vote not to participate in the school choice program this year.

Brand also brought up a promise written in the Wilmington Teacher's Union contract that the district would explore the possibility of allowing children of

staff members who are not Wilmington residents to attend Wilmington schools. This work has not yet started but also was a factor he wanted the committee to consider.

M. J. Byrnes said that the time to allow school choice in Wilmington is fast approaching. However, she

agreed that it didn't make sense to participate this year. She suggested there is risk in potentially adding to the number of students requiring social-emotional learning and mental health support which is already burdening the Department of Student Support Services.

She said that perhaps next year they could look at the state of student needs and the impact this would have on the student body.

Brand mentioned the receiving district gets \$5,000 for each school choice student who joins.

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News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

WCTV WELCOMES NEW SPONSOR:

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Recently, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Exalted Ruler, Darlene Lockhart brought along several distinguished Elks members for a visit to discuss how they can support WCTV as well as get some assistance promoting all the wonderful things the Elks are doing. We've created a robust partnership with the Elks that will feature

what they do for our community as well as established a sponsorship program that allows the Elks to support WCTV's ongoing projects.

Elks events like Bingo, community service projects, veterans events and more, will be featured on WCTV and you will see the Elks "logo" proudly displayed on all the programming they support, as well as on our website. We are grateful for the support of the Elks and we look forward to growing this win-win relationship!

If you or your organization would like to become a sponsor of WCTV or for

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OBITUARIES

Ethel F. (Cain) Butters

Dedicated her life to family

Ethel F. (Cain) Butters, born on Sept. 5, 1930, a lifelong resident of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home, April 14, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Ethel was the beloved wife of the late Robert Butters, Sr., loving mother of Robert Butters, Jr. and his wife Elizabeth of Wilmington, Nancy Burgess and her fiancé Bill Stephens of Plymouth, Bruce Butters and his wife Lorraine of Port Orange, FL, George Butters and his wife Barbara of Roswell, GA, Kathryn Butters of Plymouth, Angela Peruzzi and her husband Larry of Plymouth, and Fred Butters and his wife Deborah of Sudbury.

Cherished "Nana" of Amy McIntyre, her husband Rick and their son Cameron, Evan Butters and his fiancé Rachel Garrity; Robert and Annie Burgess and her fiancé Tyler Russell; Stephen Butters and his wife Aimee, Carly Butters; Kelly, Christopher and his son Remington, Lauren and the late Jonathan Butters; Christian, Alec, and Benjamin Peruzzi; Rachel and Camille But-

ters.

Daughter of the late Fred and Ann Cain; dear sister of Fred Cain, Bobby Cain, Nancy Burke, Jimmy Cain, George Cain and Cathy Burke, and sister-in-law of Anne "Ethel" Butters.

Ethel is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ethel dedicated her entire life to her family. She enjoyed traveling, near and far, visiting family and friends, but most of all, she loved being at home with a full house celebrating the holidays, special events or just time spent with loved ones. She welcomed everyone who visited.

She was always ready to prepare a meal, always thinking of others in their time of need. Ethel had an unconditional love for all in her life, and was adored by everyone she met. She will always be remembered as a giving, thoughtful, and loving mom. Her memory will live forever in our hearts.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave.



(Rt. 62), WILMINGTON on the 18th day of April 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 12:30 p.m. Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington, MA. Memorial donations in Ethel's name may be made to Local Heroes, Inc., P.O. Box 536, Wilmington, MA 01887.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Sandra Lou (Skilling) Miller

Worked as a pre-school teacher and EMT

Sandra Lou (Skilling) Miller, age 55, a long-time resident of North Reading passed away on Thursday, April 13, 2023, after battling cancer.

She was born in Stoneham in 1967 and raised in Wilmington.

She was the cherished daughter of Carol Skilling and the late Jerry Skilling, proud mother of Terry and Courtney, and a beloved sister and aunt.

She graduated from Wilmington High School in 1987, earned an associate degree in early childhood education at Hesser College, and became certified as an emergency medical technician. She worked as a pre-school teacher, later as an EMT in Cambridge, and most recently at Elia's Country Store in Wilmington.

Sandy liked to stay active by visiting family and playing Pokémon Go. She adored her daughters and was happy to be able to see both her girls get married to wonderful guys, David and Duncan.

You could always find her wearing a baseball cap, encouraging friends and family, and helping out with yard work (or super-

vising when she couldn't pitch in). She was the communication hub for her entire extended family, getting everyone together and keeping everyone connected.

She was always in touch and ever ready to lend an ear to listen. She also loved games and puzzles of all kinds and continued to reign supreme at family card games.

Sandy loved Cape Cod, cherry Coke, thunderstorms, fireworks, rock music, a good (or bad) joke, horses, family pets, and warm summer weather.

She is survived by her mother, Carol Skilling of Wilmington; her two daughters and their spouses, Terry and Dave Williams of Methuen and Courtney and Duncan Morris of Tewksbury; and her four siblings, Randy Skilling (wife Karen), Rob Skilling (wife Janice), Janet Beecher, and Roger Skilling (wife Shannon).

She was the loving aunt to eight nieces and eight nephews: Angie, Robbie, Samantha, Kristina, Tracey, Paul, Alex, Jenna, Jacob, Sam, Harrison, Jack, Gracelyn, Michael, Scarlett, and Zoey.



Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Sunday, the 23rd day of April 2023 from 12 to 2 p.m. immediately followed by a service and reception at the Congregational Church in Wilmington, 220 Middlesex Ave.

Memorial donations in Sandy's name may be made to Gentle Giant Draft Horse Rescue, 17250 Old Frederick Rd, Mount Airy, MD 21771 or www.gentlegiantdrafthorserescue.org in lieu of flowers.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Mary J. (Spinazola) Packard

Coached Woburn Youth Soccer for many years

Mary J. (Spinazola) Packard, 80, passed away Saturday April 15, in her sleep, after a long illness.

She was survived by her husband, Richard "Dick" Packard for over 55 years and five children: Richard and his partner Mary of Woburn, Paul and wife Leslie of Rangeley, Maine, Susan (Gauthier) and her husband Mark of Danvers, Derek and Renee of Tewksbury and Marc and wife Rachele of Woburn.

She was a loving grandmother to Hailey, Richard, Samantha, Julianna, and Gabriella Packard. She also was a step-grandmother to Danielle, Sam and Devyn Gauthier.

She is also survived by her twin brother John Spinazola of Wilmington.

She was pre-deceased by her parents, Clarence "Clem" and Mary (McGovern) Spinazola as well as her brother Charles "Butch" Spinazola.

She also had several aunts and uncles nieces and nephews and cousins.

She was a babysitter for many years and made friends and wonderful connections to the community and was a coach with Woburn youth soccer for many years.

There will be a private/family service per her request. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to: Action.lung.org

► Robert Skirvin-Orr, of Nashua, N.H., hosts Lowell General Hospital's

CatWalk for CancerCare on April 1, 2023, at the Burlington Marriott Hotel in Burlington. Skirvin-Orr is wearing a Batman jacket as part of the Everyday Heroes theme for the event. Proceeds benefit TeamWalk for CancerCare, which raises money for cancer patients in need.



◀ Brenda Deschenes of Hudson, N.H., was honorary Queen of the Catwalk for this year's CatWalk for CancerCare, held April 1, 2023, at the Burlington Marriott Hotel in Burlington.

(Courtesy photos)

CatWalk for CancerCare raises \$140,000 for patients

BURLINGTON — More than 600 guests gathered for a night of fun, fashion and fundraising at CatWalk for CancerCare on Saturday, April 1, at the Burlington Marriot Hotel.

Attendees raised more than \$140,000 for Lowell General Hospital's TeamWalk for CancerCare, which provides grants and funding to support Merrimack Valley cancer patients in need.

The event, held for the first time in three years due to the pandemic, was once again organized hosted by Robert and Andrew Skirvin-Orr, owners of Exhale Hair Studio in North

Chelmsford and residents of Nashua, N.H. Robert Skirvin-Orr is a longtime volunteer at the wig boutique inside Lowell General Hospital's Cancer Center.

The night included a runway fashion show featuring local models, tributes to cancer victims and survivors, a silent auction and superhero tribute to every day heroes in the fight against cancer.

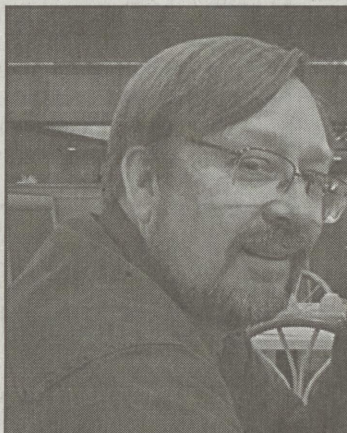
"Our Cancer Center turns 25 this year, and it's incredible to see the way this community continues to come together to care for cancer patients," said Amy Hoey, President of Lowell General Hospital. "Robert

and Andrew Skirvin-Orr exemplify the kind of everyday heroes that go the extra mile to care for neighbors in need."

Events like CatWalk for CancerCare have turned TeamWalk, the largest one-day fundraiser in the Merrimack Valley, into a year-long fundraising effort that includes an array of fun events organized by supporters.

Thousands of cancer supporters will hit the streets of Lowell on May 21 for the 24th annual TeamWalk for CancerCare. Join our community of cancer support and register today at www.teamwalk.org.

Here's what people are saying about Frank West



"West is a breath of fresh air with his class, knowledge and proven track record"

State Representative David Robertson

"Vote West - an independent thinker"

Ray Lepore, Local Businessman
Former Select Board Chair

"Definitely has my vote!"

Gail Protopapas - Wilmington Resident

"West an honest and dependable person"

Robin Theodos and John Wallas
Wilmington Residents

"Strong Commitment and Dedication"

M. J. Byrnes,
Wilmington School Committee

"West will do what's best for Wilmington"

Audrey Reed - Wilmington Resident

Current Community Involvement:

- Captain - Wilmington Minutemen
- Scout Leader - Troop and Pack 136
- Chaplin & Secretary - American Legion Squadron 136 Wilmington
- Zone Manager - USMC Toys for Toys
- Member - Wilmington Senior Citizens

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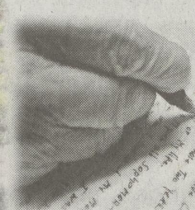


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OPINION



Letters to the editor

Mercaldi focused on Wildwood, communication, offerings ahead of election

To the editor,

My name is Michael Mercaldi, and I am running for Wilmington School Committee this year. I would like to introduce myself to the community.

I have two girls in the district and have been a member of the PAWS (Parents and Guardian Advocates for Wilmington Schools) group. I am very much looking forward to joining the School Committee and helping the school district continue to deliver great results for the students.

The issues I am focused on are the new Wildwood Building/MSBA project, improving the educational and extracurricular offerings in the middle and high school, and enhancing district communication with parents/guardians:

Wildwood/MSBA Project — A generational opportunity to build a modern school and/or campus for elementary students. Opportunities like this do not

come very often and I feel we as a community need to capitalize on it.

Offerings in the middle and high school — Continue to increase both schools' offerings to best prepare our students going to college or entering the workforce. Increase courses in biotech and tech to take advantage of our location within the Boston area. Expand access for extracurricular activities at both schools.

Improving District Communication — Identify procedures by which the parents/guardians can better get the information they need. Reinforce any structures to elicit parent/guardian feedback to the district and work together to make the schools the best they can be.

Thank you for taking time to read this note. I would like to please ask for your support with your vote in the upcoming town election on April 22.

Upcoming local events

Thursday, April 20, Ice Cream for Dinner at Mac's for the Class of 2024. Buy an ice cream from 6 - 9 p.m. and 15 percent will go to the TMHS junior class! Mac's Dairy Farm, 1863 Main St.

Thursday, April 20, Public Health Museum indoor & outdoor tours, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 365 East St., Tewksbury, publichealthmuseum.org

Friday, April 21, Town Hall voter registration, 1009 Main St. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., This is the final day for residents to register if they wish to be eligible to vote at the May 3 special Town Meeting. To be eligible to vote at the annual Town Meeting on Monday, May 1, you must have registered by March 22, 2023.

Saturday, April 22, Public Health Museum outdoor tours, 10 - 11 a.m., 365 East St., Tewksbury, publichealthmuseum.org

Thursday, April 27 - Saturday, April 29, Beauty and the Beast, TMHS Theater Co., For show times and to purchase tickets at <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/72587>

Saturday, April 29, Prescription drug take back day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Bring your medications for disposal to Police Headquarters at 918 Main St. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Saturday, April 29, Cornhole to Benefit Megan McCarthy of Tewksbury Brain Cancer Research, 12 - 3 p.m., US Bunting Club, Boylston Street, Contact:

Goode Hair Studio, 978.710.5864, Tewksbury.

Saturday, April 29, Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library Book Donation and Puzzle Swap, 10 a.m., Public Library. Books will be checked for condition. Bring puzzles to swap!

Monday, May 1, Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3726/Annual-Town-Meeting-Warrant-May-1-2023-PDF>

Wednesday, May 3, special Town Meeting, 7 p.m., Tewksbury Memorial High School. View the warrant at <https://www.tewksbury-ma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3727/Special-Town-Meeting-Warrant-May-3-2023-PDF>

Friday, May 5, TMHS Band & Chorus Spring Concert 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center at TMHS.

Friday, May 5, TMHS Student Art Show, TMHS Cafeteria; 7 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, May 6, TMHS Student Art Show, TMHS Cafeteria; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 6, Tewksbury Town Clean Up, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Grab a bag at town hall then set out to pick up trash and return your bag to the DPW. Groups welcomed. Sign up in advance or just show up. Paper shredding, electronics recycling, and textile and clothing donation. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ymvpvvpwk> Food pantry donations appreciated.

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Letters must be e-mailed by noon on Monday in order for consideration the same week's edition.

Biden-Harris Administration announces \$57M for clean water infrastructure upgrades

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced \$57,253,000 from the 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act for states, Tribes, and territories through this year's Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) in the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. The funding will help communities upgrade essential wastewater and stormwater systems to protect public health and treasured water bodies across the nation.

"Too many communities across the country are facing challenges with water infrastructure — from climate impacts like drought vulnerability, to a lack of basic wastewater services that everyone deserves," said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan. "President Biden's Investing in America Agenda is getting unprecedented investments in clean water to communities that need them most. This funding paired with this historic funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will support local economies while advancing projects in communities to help ensure clean, safe water for residents."

"The investments we are making now will result in long-lasting benefits for communities across New England, from southern Connecticut all the way up to rural northern communities in Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. Upgrading wastewater treatment plants means protecting the environment that sustains our communities, and it means healthier places we live and raise our families. I am especially proud that EPA and the Biden Administration is making these investments to ensure that historically underserved communities are getting the invest-

ments and environmental protection they deserve," said EPA New England Regional Administrator David W. Cash.

EPA has announced the following:

- Connecticut will receive \$9,282,000
- Maine will receive \$5,865,000
- Massachusetts will receive \$25,726,000
- New Hampshire will receive \$7,572,000
- Rhode Island will receive \$5,088,000
- Vermont will receive \$3,720,000

Administrator Regan announced the funding as part of a \$775 million investment on the Biden-Harris Administration's Investing in America tour in Clayton, North Carolina with Congressman Wiley Nickel, highlighting the President's historic funding for water infrastructure upgrades. President Biden's Investing in America agenda is growing the American economy from the bottom up and middle-out — from rebuilding our nation's infrastructure, to creating a manufacturing and innovation boom powered by good-paying jobs that don't require a four-year degree, to building a clean-energy economy that will combat climate change and make our communities more resilient.

Today's announcement builds on the second wave of \$2.4 billion EPA announced for clean water infrastructure upgrades through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in February. Over \$3.2 billion will be provided to the CWSRF when combined with Fiscal Year 2023 funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This investment reflects the Biden Administration's commitment to strengthening the nation's wastewater and stormwater systems, while providing significant resources for mitigating nonpoint source

pollution and improving energy and water efficiency.

It also addresses key challenges, including climate change and emerging contaminants like per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). In February, EPA announced funding made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Act to New England states for clean water infrastructure upgrades in the following amounts: Connecticut: \$28,424,000; Maine: \$17,961,000; Massachusetts: \$78,777,000; New Hampshire: \$23,186,000; Rhode Island: \$15,579,000; Vermont: \$11,390,000

Background

The CWSRFs have been the foundation of water infrastructure investments for more than 30 years, providing low-cost financing for local projects across America. Under the Clean Water programs, EPA provides funding to all 50 states and Puerto Rico to capitalize on SRF loan programs. For the base programs, the states and Puerto Rico contribute an additional 20 percent to match the federal grants. The 51 SRF programs function like infrastructure banks by providing low-interest loans to eligible recipients for clean water infrastructure projects. As the loan principal and interest are repaid over time, it allows the state's CWSRF to be recycled or "revolve." As money is returned to the state's revolving loan fund, the state makes new loans to other eligible recipients. These funds can also be combined with Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding and EPA's Water Infrastructure and Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans to create a powerful, innovative financing solution for major infrastructure projects.

What They Are Saying:

Massachusetts
"Massachusetts needs clean, reliable, and modern water infrastructure that effectively treats our wastewater and keeps our communities safe and healthy," said U.S. Senator Edward Markey. "I'm proud to have helped deliver these funds, which will flow directly into communities to ensure clean water flows through rivers, streams, and faucets. As underserved communities face increasingly extreme conditions brought on by climate change, as well as toxic pollution from legacy chemicals, I will continue to fight for better water infrastructure so that we keep pollution out of our pipes and out of our environment."

"Safe, reliable water infrastructure shouldn't be a question but a guarantee — in every community and every zip code," said Democratic Whip Katherine Clark (MA-5). "I'm proud to have secured this critical funding to help our communities combat pollution, safeguard public health, and better serve families across Massachusetts. This is about putting the American people and our planet over polluters — plain and simple."

"For too long, Big Polluters have been empowered to endanger the lives of our families and our communities," said U.S. Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-2). "Today's funding gives cities, towns, and organizations in Massachusetts the tools they need to properly treat wastewater, create green infrastructure projects, and tackle the most burdensome and expensive water-related projects. I'm grateful to the Biden-Harris Administration for leaving no one behind and continuing to invest in a cleaner, healthier future."

Tewksbury voter registration session

TEWKSBURY — A voter registration session has been scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023 at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 1009 Main St.

Town Clerk Denise Grafeo informs residents who are not registered to vote, this is the final day to be eligible to vote at the May 3, 2023 special Town Meeting.

To be eligible to vote at the annual Town Meeting

on Monday, May 1 & 3, 2023, you must have registered by March 22, 2023.

Town Hall will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 21 for voters who wish to register to vote in person.

Persons who are United States citizens, residents of Tewksbury, and who will be at least 18 years old on or before May 3 are eligible to register.

Those meeting these qualifications who have a Massachusetts driver's license can submit their registration online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com

Mail-in voter registration forms may be obtained at the following link: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/languages/register-by-mail-forms.htm>

Those registering by

mail should have their form hand-canceled to ensure it is postmarked before the deadline.

Residents may also register to vote during regular town clerk office hours, Monday- Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For inquiries, please phone the Office of the Town Clerk at 978-640-4355.

Book Stew Review

'The Kind Worth Saving' by Peter Swanson

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This is a sequel of sorts — Henry and Lily from Swanson's 2017 "The Kind Worth Killing" thriller reappear — but it works well as a standalone, with the introduction of a few new and intriguing characters.

The author has always done the psychopaths among us really well and usually provides jarring plot twists along the way. This novel, a

bit more subdued, is told from the point of view of Joan and Richard (one of two Richards, nice touch), who recognize each other as comrades who come alive only when scheming to kill.

Lily and Henry, previously adversaries, are also two who deeply understand each other. The novel is filled with slow boil suspense and surprises, another success for Boston author Swanson.

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Lifestyle

Find the 18th Century Garden in PHILADELPHIA

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The City of Philadelphia,

much like the City of Boston, is known for its deep connection with the history of our country.

Home of Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, Philly has many recognizable, historical city sites

that attract thousands of visitors every year.

But, unbeknownst to the typical tourist, within the heart of Philadelphia's historic area lies a secret, city oasis known as The 18th Century Garden.

Despite being sandwiched between the historic Todd House and Carpenter's Hall, The 18th Century Garden was actually founded in 1966 by Lady Bird Johnson, wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Careful attention to details has made this 20th century garden a true reproduction of a garden found in Philadelphia during the mid to late 1700's.

Located on Walnut Street between 3rd and 4th Streets, the garden is a slightly smaller version of an original Philadelphia formal garden that occupied the same spot from 1750 to 1783.

The garden features period plant life that was typical of the colonial time era. Garden plants during that era were not only used for an ornamental purpose, but also for consumption and medicinal uses.

To reflect the multi-use of plants during this era, the 18th Century Garden consists of three parts: a small fruit orchard, a formal garden, and a herb and vegetable garden.

Small fruit trees line the formal garden which consists of geometrically



trimmed bushes and hedges mixed with symmetrically placed pathways amongst raised planters boxes boasting a mix of seasonal blooming, green plants, and herbs.

The formal plantings surround period style gazebos, creating a perfect spot to contemplate one's thoughts on life, quietly reflect on decisions of the day, or to simply enjoy a sunny, spring afternoon in the city.

All plants have been researched to be period to not only the era, but also the area, offering a time traveling experience for visitors.

The garden is maintained by the Pennsylvania Historical Society for the educational experience and for the pleasure of the public.

Admission to travel back in time to this 18th century oasis is free, and the garden is open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk, but closed on federal holidays.

Vacation season is just around the corner, and for

those who wish to immerse themselves in the history of our fine country, you may want to consider taking a trip to the City of Brotherly Love.

While visiting the usual Philadelphia historic spots, be sure to take some time to stop and smell the roses, and all the other floral wonders that occupy the secret 18th Century Garden.

The trip back in time will awaken your senses while you stroll down the tranquil pathways surrounded by colonial botanical beauty and bring a few moments of relaxation to a hectic tourist schedule.

For the avid gardener, it will educate you in the style of gardens from an era gone by, while inspiring you to add a few touches of historic botanical design into your 21st century garden at home.

To find a list of typical, period colonial garden plants that you could add to your own garden, visit the U.S. National Park Service @www.nps.gov and search Colonial Gardens.



◀ ▶ The 18th Century Garden is a hidden gem in the City of Philadelphia. Although not original, it is an authentic replica of a colonial formal garden that was in Philadelphia from the mid to late 1700's. (Heather Burns photos)

By **PAIGE IMPINK**
News Correspondent
paige@yourtowncrier.com

The unseasonably warm weather has pushed us outdoors to explore some new trails for walking. Not far off of Montvale Avenue

Enjoy the Tri-Community Greenway

in Woburn is the Tri-Community Greenway. A walking and biking trail that spans three communities, the paved trail is over six miles long and offers a

combination of woods, neighborhoods, and surface roads.

Years ago, the Town of Stoneham acquired an abandoned section of the Boston and Maine railroad from the MBTA with the hope that it could be used for recreational purposes one day. In the 1980s, a Stoneham resident pushed for the development of the trail.

Like many shared-use paths, though, the project faced challenges. Some residents were concerned about safety, and others were concerned about ecological impacts. Through perseverance and an agreement by Stoneham, Woburn and Winchester, the shared use trail was finally opened in June of 2019.

The trail benefitted from MassDOT transportation funds, along with federal funds, partly a function of the link to the MBTA's

Wedge mere station in Winchester. The trail has many road crossings but, through innovative thinking, including over the road connections to existing sidewalks and signaled-crosswalks, the trail is a breeze to navigate.

Having an over-road option is a real advantage for the community and keeps the trail moving where it might otherwise be cut off.

The trail can be picked up at numerous points. In Winchester, the trail starts at Wedgemere. In Stoneham, the trail is accessed at Gould Street's Recreation Park. The spur to Horn Pond in Woburn is at Spruce Street and Skillings Road. The trail is 6.63 miles one way.

For our exploration, we parked at the medical offices off of Washington Street in Winchester and walked the path toward the Muraco School in Win-

chester. It was a pleasant and quiet walk. The trail follows the Aberjona River and impressive oaks and willows stood ready to burst their leaves. There are several benches placed along the path to sit and watch the ducks and geese foraging on the banks.

The path is signed with wayfinding maps that show "You Are Here," though we did seem to lose the trail near the school. Other signage includes granite markers with the Greenway logo or classic blue "Bike Route" signs. We look forward to exploring other sections of the

trail including walking through an old railroad tunnel that runs under Route 93 into Stoneham, and the Horn Pond spur.

For trail maps visit <https://shorturl.at/giSY4> and try to get out and enjoy a walk on the greenway.



◀ The Tri-Community Greenway connects Stoneham, Woburn and Winchester along a 6.63 mile shared-use path. (Paige Impink photo)

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 27, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Timothy & Matthew Penney**, for a variance under Section 5.3.1.E 2&3 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for accessory structures within the front setback and side setbacks & a variance under Section 5.3.2 for front setbacks in order to renovate the house, rebuild garage & construct front porch as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **60 Wamesit Road**, Assessor's Map 98, Lot 14 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
230449 4/12,19/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for furnishing the following products and services for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) to the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts, will be received by mail at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, until:

10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Screener Rental
2. Guardrail
3. Pavement Markings
4. Roadway Management Services*
5. Bituminous Products at Plant
6. Crack Sealing
7. Tree Planting Services
8. Stormwater Pond Maintenance Services
9. Catch Basin Cleaning Services

* MassDOT prequalification of contractors with the class of work as Highway Construction for the project with an estimated value of \$838,255.00 will be required.

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

File original bid with the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at 10:00 AM on May 16, 2023."

Quantities shown on bid sheet are approximate only and will be used for comparison of bids.

Where indicated, bid proposals shall include labor rates and must conform to Mass. General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 27, Department of Labor and Industries.

As a minimum, all work shall be performed in compliance with the current Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) "Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges", and latest supplements. Special provisions and amendments are listed within bid specifications.

Purchases by the Town of Wilmington are exempt from any Federal, State, Municipal and/or excise tax.

The Town of Wilmington reserves the right to waive any formality and/or to reject any or all bids or any parts thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington.

The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
230481 4/19/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated or submit a written objection with your name and address prior to the date and time listed.

The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk along town roads.

The location of town trees affected include:

- (1) Pine at 60 County Road,
- (1) Maple at 213 Rogers Street,
- (1) Elm at 453 Rogers Street,
- (1) Maple at 486 Rogers Street,
- (1) Oak at 523 Rogers Street,
- (1) Oak at 684 Rogers Street,
- (1) Pine at 460 Shawsheen Street,
- (2) Oaks and (2) Pines at 465 South Street,
- (1) Pine at 1336 Whipple Road,
- (2) Pines at 1377 Whipple Road,
- (1) Pine at 1386 Whipple Road,
- (1) Oak at 1393 Whipple Road,
- (2) Pines opposite 57 Young Street.

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, is available weekdays at the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and Library during normal business hours; and on the Town's website www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Kevin Hariman
Director of Public Works
230454 4/12,19/23

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10:00 AM on Friday, May 19, 2023 where and when they will be publicly opened and read:

1. Fire Hydrants
2. Valve & Curb Boxes
3. Gate Valves
4. Misc. Water Supplies
5. Ductile Iron Pipe
6. Water Quality Laboratory Services
7. Generator Maintenance
8. Instrumentation

Bid Specifications may be obtained at the Town of Wilmington Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Mail original bid to the Town Manager, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887. Mark each envelope: "Bid on (identify specific product) to be opened at **10:00 AM on May 19, 2023**." Items will be opened individually so vendors bidding on multiple products should submit one envelope per item.

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The bidder certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
230480 4/19/23

LEGAL NOTICE



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TREE WARDEN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
(On behalf of National Grid)

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The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk to the electrical grid along town roads.

The location of town trees affected include: (1) Pine at 1600 Shawsheen Street, (1) Pine at 845 East Street, (1) Pine at 862 East Street, (1) Oak at 920 East Street, (1) Oak at 952 East Street, (1) Maple at 21 Carter Street.

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, is available weekdays at the Department of Public Works, Town Hall and Library during normal business hours; and on the Town's website www.tewksbury-ma.gov.

Kevin Hariman
Director of Public Works
230463 4/12,19/23



LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium
230408 4/5,12,19/23

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
BOARD OF APPEALS

A public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the following applications:

Case 8-23
Colleen Boggs by Rob Zeuli
Map 74, Parcel 2P
4 Foley Farm Road

— to acquire a variance for a fireplace to be placed 1' and ¾" into the existing setback

230482 4/19,26/23

LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Sean C. Moroney to The Savings Bank, dated December 6, 2013 and registered at Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry District of the Land Court in Document No. 276195, as noted on Certificate of Title No. 41631, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder The Savings Bank, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at public auction at 10:00 AM, on May 4, 2023 on the mortgaged premises being known as 5 Carter Road a/k/a 5 Carter Street, Wilmington, MA, being all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

A certain parcel of land situate in Wilmington, in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:
SOUTHWESTERLY by Carter Street, one hundred thirty-three

Power of Flowers annual Bloom Festival

TEWKSBURY — Power of Flowers Project will be holding its annual Bloom Festival on Saturday, May 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Grow Greenhouses, 1 Greenhouse Road, Tewks-

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Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 27, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Denise Bergeson**, for a variance under Section 5.3.1.E3 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for side setbacks to install a 15' x 30' above ground pool as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **96 Maplewood Avenue**, Assessor's Map 94, Lot 85 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

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Said property is located at **1187 Main Street** Assessor's Map 61, Lot 107 zoned Town Center.

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Docket No. ES23A0132AD

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To:

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth, 280 Merrimac St. 2nd floor, Lawrence, MA 01843

A petition has been presented to

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IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Salem ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 06/19/2023.

WITNESS, Hon. Frances M. Giordano, First Justice of this Court
Date: April 5, 2023

Pamela Casey O'Brien,
Register of Probate
230459 4/12,19,26/23

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Docket No. M122P2104EA

Estate of: Robert S Nocera
Date of Death: 02/04/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Jennifer M Nocera of Nashua NH** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Jennifer M Nocera of Nashua NH** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Corporate Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/09/2023.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 11, 2023

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate
230477 4/19/23

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The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in the Notice of Mortgagee's Sale or its publication.

OTHER TERMS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SALE.
Dated: March 29, 2023

(signed): The Savings Bank
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By its Attorneys,
Barsh and Cohen, P.C.

Neil Cohen, Esquire
Attorney for the Mortgagee
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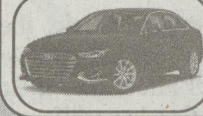
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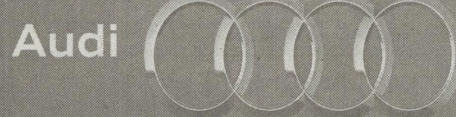
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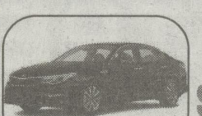

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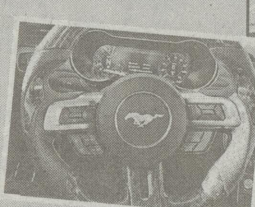
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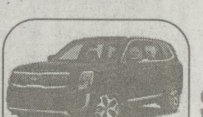
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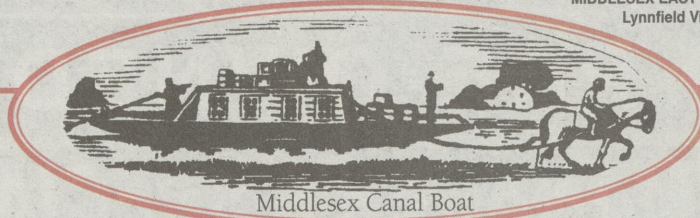
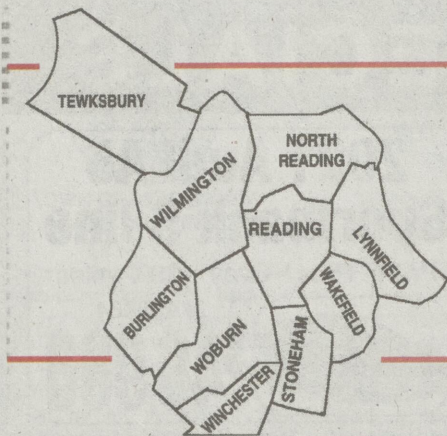
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Skills for Life helps autistic teen gain independence

BY RYAN LAROCHE

According to the Cleveland Clinic, the term "neurodivergent" describes people whose "brain differences affect how their brain works. That means they have different strengths and challenges from people whose brains don't have those differences. The possible differences include medical disorders, learning disabilities and other conditions. The possible strengths include better memory, being able to mentally picture three-dimensional (3D) objects easily, the ability to solve complex mathematical calculations in their head, and many more.

"Neurodivergent isn't a medical term. Instead, it's a way to describe people using words other than 'normal' and 'abnormal.' That's important because there's no single definition of 'normal' for how the human brain works.

"The word for people who aren't neurodivergent is 'neurotypical.' That means their strengths and challenges aren't affected by any kind of difference that changes how their brains work."

One local mother understands this all too well, as her son is neurodivergent and on the autism spectrum. A Winchester resident, Polly (who asked that her last name and the name of her son not be printed) found help through a program called Skills for Life.

The program is designed to develop skills for independent living and build self-determination for neurodivergent individuals (in-

cluding those on the autism spectrum such as Polly's 18-year old son). Skills for Life emphasizes occupational therapists (OTs) working in the home and community of the client. Since its establishment more than six years ago, Skills for Life has helped more than 60 participants.

Polly said she reached out to Skills for Life about a year ago when some of her son's challenges started to feel more complicated. She called the program "a lifesaver for her family," which also includes her husband and an older son in college.

Her son struggled with independent living skills - driving, getting a job - executive function and self-determination, and Polly said none of the standard resources seemed to help. Eventually, her son began working with an OT named Kim who helped him take a more active role in his life by introducing processes and systems that reframed tasks to make them more manageable.

"(Kim) helped my son take ownership of his own life (and) his own goals," Polly stated. "She helped him develop healthy life habits, which wasn't easy for him."

Polly added how the OT worked with him on basic self-care and organization, plus managing personal and shared spaces. When it comes to executive function, she supported Polly's son by helping him obtain his learner's permit and get a job working at a local movie theater.

"How do we get there?" Polly said she would ask herself regarding her son's move

toward independence, calling the times before Skills for Life "very stressful."

Now, Polly's son can drive with his mom and she hopes he can obtain his full license in the summer.

As for his working life, Polly said the OT learned his interests, took him to a job fair

Skills TO A-9

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

A different kind of underdog story in 'Air'

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP Film Writer

The new movie "Air" is technically about a shoe. There is nothing especially extraordinary about this shoe. As the Q-like Nike designer Peter Moore (Matthew Maher) explains, the last significant change to footwear was made some 600 years ago when the decision was made to differentiate the right and left feet. The Air Jordan is, at the end of the day, just another shoe.

No one coos about how comfortable it is. No one waxes poetic about its performance enhancing abilities or how many podiatrists recommend it for sporting purposes. No one even tries it on.

That's because "Air," di-



SOMETHING IN THE AIR - Matt Damon, above, as Sonny Vaccaro in a scene from the movie "Air" released by Amazon Prime Video.

(Ana Carballosa/Amazon Prime Video)

rected by Ben Affleck from a smart script by Alex Convery, is not really about the shoe at all. Nor is it about Michael Jordan, who has exactly one line in the film and is mostly seen from behind and in silhouette. It is about the men - and they

were all men - of Nike who defied the odds and signed the rookie despite being a very distant third to Adidas and Converse in the basketball sneaker game in 1984.

This is not a sports

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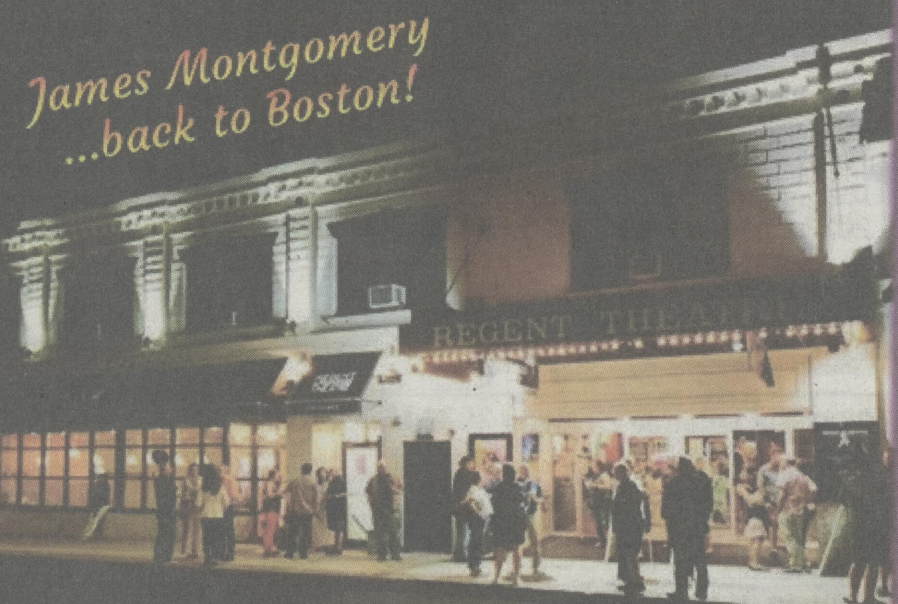
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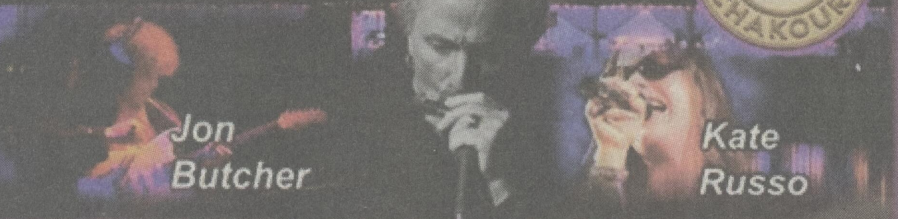
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movie, however. If "Moneyball," a spiritual cousin to "Air," was baseball-adjacent, "Air" is about as far away from the game of basketball as one can get. The sport and romance of basketball in "Air" is almost completely beside the point, which is in some ways the most honest way for a couple of Gen-Xers to make a sincere movie about a corporate brand's biggest success.

"Air" is more "Mad Men," but without the glamour. In 1984, everything was brown and drab, except for the grape-colored sports car driven by Nike CEO Phil Knight (Affleck, in a comedic role about C-suite eccentricities and ineffectuality). Even the new stuff looked old. There are only so many ways cinematographer Robert Richardson can shoot a corporate office park and series of conversations between men in ill-fitting polos and khakis. But Affleck and his music supervisor do have fun with their conventional but not ineffective needle drops.

The center of "Air" is Sonny Vaccaro (Matt Damon), a Nike exec with a basketball scout's eye for rising talent. He is not, at least on the surface, a slam dunk movie hero. Sonny is out of shape, as the movie reminds us with cruel frequency, he's middle aged, he doesn't have a family and he seems to do all his grocery shopping at the gas station. All he has is this job, which isn't going especially well. And his big idea to bet on Jordan, and Jordan alone, has everyone — Knight; Jordan's hot tempered agent David Falk (Chris Messina); Nike execs Rob Strasser (Jason Bateman) and Howard White (Chris Tucker); college ball coach George Raveling (Marlon Wayans); and Jordan's mom Deloris (Viola Davis) — essentially telling him he's crazy.

One big issue with "Air" is that the dramatic stakes never really quite crystalize or spark excitement in the way that the best movies do when you go in knowing the ending. There are no life-or-death scares or thrilling plane escapes at the end for Affleck to fall back on for tension. Nike was not even an unsuccessful company on the brink of collapse, they just hadn't cracked

the basketball market to the satisfaction of their shareholders yet. It's hard, as an audience member, to discern whether your own apathy is because you know the outcome or because the story hasn't convinced you to care enough.

Still, this is movie that also has the potential to get better with time and re-watches. "Air" coasts quite well on its compelling, funny and self-aware script (which even allows room for an amusing disagreement about who exactly came up with the name Air Jordan) and charismatic movie stars. And Damon, who gets one show-stopping monologue, is the perfect actor to carry the film in his first time acting for his old pal. Here's hoping that the longtime friends make this a habit.

"Air" pivots about halfway through when the Jordans finally enter the picture and, through Davis' stoic performance, add a much-needed human element. It's easy to forget that athletes being compensated justly for the value of their image is a relatively new phenomenon. One wonders why the movie couldn't have mainly been about her and her savvy.

There is an admirably sly subversiveness to the whole endeavor in its refusal to glamorize the shoe, the company or the guys they've made a movie about. These are white-collar cubicle dwellers just trying to make it through the week and keep their jobs. I'm not even sure the movie buys into its subjects' self-written and occasionally contradictory mythologies. Credit to the filmmakers that this is not a TED talk.

How can you be romantic about a billion-dollar shoe company?

"Air," an Amazon Studios/MGM release in theaters now, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association for language throughout. Running time: 112 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires an accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Follow AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/ldbahr](https://twitter.com/ldbahr).

Skills FROM A-8

and assisted him in filing out an application. She added he's been working at the theater for about a year.

"She's been very supportive and on the front lines with him," Polly said about the occupational therapist. "Other interventions didn't yield concrete results."

Polly said the OT emphasizes self-advocacy for her son while also demonstrating her agenda is solely for the betterment of him. She became his trusted confidant when making important decisions. The two meet two hours a week, one-hour in person and one-hour over Zoom (his preference).

"(My son) used to avoid dealing with issues - now he's good at it," Polly noted.

The mom connected with Skills for Life while doing what she called a "deep dive" to find a program that could help her son grow and become more independent. While her son isn't currently enrolled in public school, he attended Winchester Public Schools through the seventh grade. Instead, he's a senior in a therapeutic school who plans to defer his diploma to enroll in a dual enrollment program at Salem State University.

He'll participate in regular classes with extra support, and he can live in the dorms during his second year. Polly said the OT has been "instrumental" in getting her son into the program by helping him apply.

"I've been acting as his 'frontal lobe' most of his life," Polly admitted, adding how the OT doesn't do everything for him the way she might have just a year ago.

While Skills for Life only offers occupational therapy, Polly said her son worked with speech and language pathologists in the past to help him transition to increased in-

dependence. She called it a focused approach.

In some cases, Polly admitted you don't always see the results. However, with Skills for Life, "you see it here. You can see his accomplishments." As an example, she pointed to his organized closet and the fact he no longer impulsively buys stuff.

She called the program "very professional" and "incredible."

In other areas, his OT helps him cook things like pizza and smoothies by first doing it together and then letting him take over. This leaves "much less for mom to do," as Polly noted.

"What teenager wants their mom nagging them?" Polly admitted, saying the program has helped their relationship.

The goal is to eventually wean him off the program, which could take a couple more years. In the meantime, Polly said it's "wonderful to see the progress."

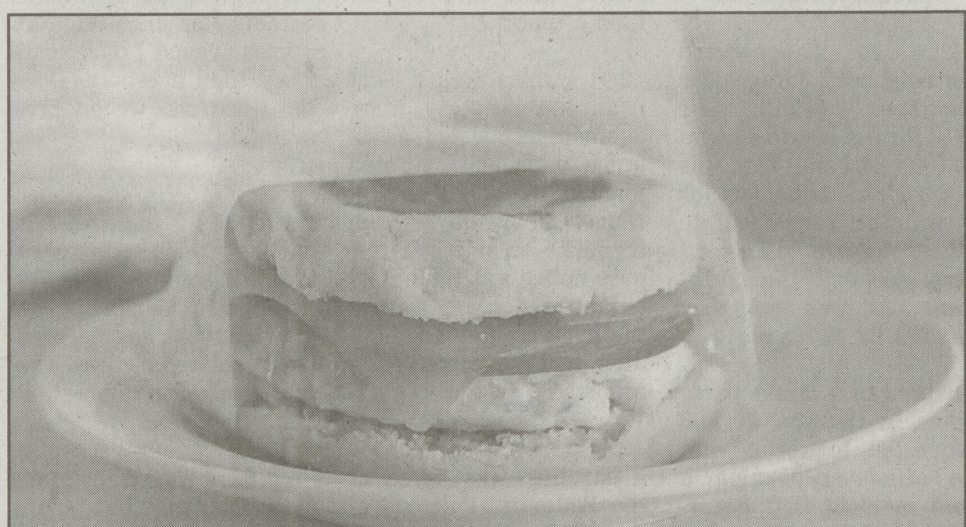
The mom acknowledged her son is "too high functioning for a group home," so Skills for Life works out perfectly for the family. Polly called the support they offer a "big relief."

While her son is more than capable of doing many things, like driving, working and cooking, Polly said the issues revolved around the number of steps each exercise takes. When it came to actually driving, Polly said her son was "more nervous than me."

One of the ways the OT works with her son is using technology, something Polly said he's really good at (especially when it comes to using apps).

"I feel more optimistic he'll become a fully independent adult," Polly remarked.

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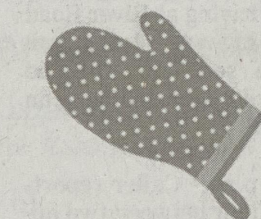


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2. To assemble sandwiches, spread insides of English muffins with butter. Fill each English muffin with 1 egg, 1 slice Cheddar cheese and 2 slices Canadian bacon. Wrap each tightly with plastic wrap. Store in freezer up to 2 months, or



in the fridge up to 1 week.

3. To reheat, remove from plastic wrap, and cover with paper towel. Microwave at Medium (50%) 2 minutes, turning halfway through.

EXPERT TIPS

Feel free to use cooked bacon or sausage patties in place of the Canadian bacon, if desired.

Piercing the egg yolk

Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 6 English muffins, split
- Butter, softened
- 6 slices Cheddar cheese
- 12 slices Canadian bacon

with a fork before baking makes the egg cook flat, making it perfect for sandwich assembly.

"This has been life-changing for the family."

For those interested, there are a few methods to pay for Skills for Life services - sometimes they contract with school districts, sometimes it's covered by insurance and sometimes its private pay.

About Skills for Life

Skills for Life's start was rooted in the recognition that a gap existed for individuals once they age out of youth/young adult programming (typically at age 22) and enter the next phase of life. Without sufficient community resources, these individuals found themselves relying upon ineffective programs or simply left to themselves to make large transitions - something that is overwhelming for anyone and especially the neurodivergent community - and to navigate the needs of daily life.

The program represents a departure from the traditional use of OTs, but the community-based approach is an emerging area of practice, so there is an innovation aspect to this story in addition to the positive impact on the lives of participants.

Working in the homes and community of participants, OTs use a disability justice

lenses to help meet goals. In these settings, the individual can build skills that foster independence and self-agency that can be applied outside of coaching. This allows enables building rapport with the client's family, and helping them understand how to best support their loved one's needs and growth.

The goals set by Skills for Life clients can vary widely - learning how to independently grocery shop and managing the workload of law school are two such examples. However, goals typically fall under the buckets of:

- Finding meaningful social connections (platonic, romantic, etc.)

NOTE: all too often, social opportunities for the neurodivergent population is focused on that audience alone, creating a segregating effect and reinforcing harmful feelings of being "othered" - Skills for Life, meanwhile focuses on social activities where neurodivergent and neurotypical folks are integrated

- Managing the day-to-day of adult life
- Self-advocacy (at work, in school, with family)

- And determining what that *next step* in life is

Casino Night on Saturday, April 22 to benefit Angel Fund

WAKEFIELD - A Casino Night to benefit The Angel Fund for ALS Research will be held at United Civil, 240 Newbury Street, Danvers, on Saturday evening, April

22nd beginning at 7 p.m. The Angel Fund for ALS Research is an independent nonprofit organization that benefits ALS research at UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester, MA. More commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS is a progressive, always fatal neuromuscular disease.

The event will include charity gambling featuring roulette, craps, black-jack, and let it ride, along with raffles and prizes.

The cost to attend is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres, \$1500 in play chips, and two drink tickets. Beer, wine, and soda will be served. Table sponsorship opportunities are also available for \$350. Only 10 table sponsorships are available.

The event is hosted by United Civil CEO Tom O'Connell and his wife Kathleen, personal friends of Angel Fund Advisory Board Member, Margaret Daly Crateau. A civil contractor

for the major utility companies and commercial clients, United Civil has a robust charitable program and considers "giving back" a primary tenet of the company culture.

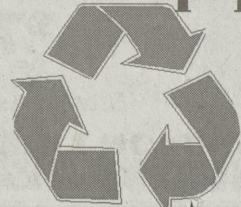
"Helping with this event is our pleasure because we all know families affected by ALS," said the O'Connells.

"The Angel Fund is grateful to the O'Connells and United Civil for hosting this fun night for a great cause," Rich

Kennedy, President of The Angel Fund said. "Please join us on April 22nd in Danversaswework-tofind a cure for ALS."

Reservations are required, and tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets, donations or questions contact Margaret Crateau at 978-578-4305 or Kathleen Bonaiuto at 508-527-3318. You may also register online at www.theangelfund.org.

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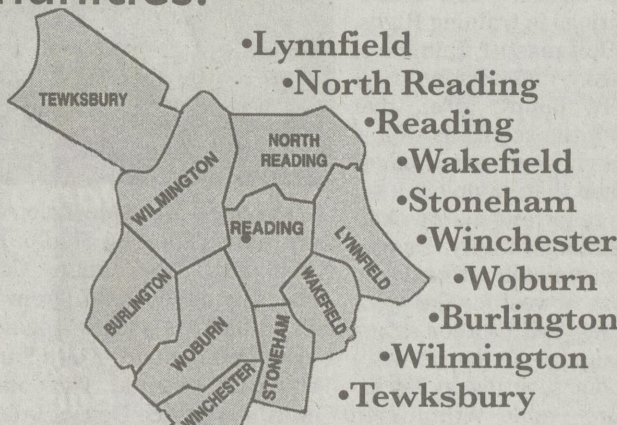
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Tewksbury Police Log

Lowell man arrested for OUI, drug possession

Monday, April 10

12:39 a.m. - Caller stated her neighbor's garage door has been up with their SUV for the last five hours at Harvest Lane. That was not typical behavior for them. She requested an officer to go by. Police sent. They spoke to the homeowner. All was well; they just left the lights on.

10:03 a.m. - Male party came to the station and requested to speak with an officer regarding a past incident that occurred last night at Shell Gas Station. Police sent.

11:52 p.m. - Female caller reported hearing a sound of metal to metal for the last two hours at Cherry Road. Police sent. He spoke with the homeowner. This was their pool filter which they shut down.

Tuesday, April 11

10:08 a.m. - Caller reported she was involved in the grandparents' scam and would like to speak to an officer at Heritage Drive.

Police sent and officer filed a report.

2:04 p.m. - Police sent from the property management requested assistance with an unwanted male party at Ames Hill Drive. They have been trying to serve a no trespass notice for the female tenant; the male was in the back stairwell of building two. Officer filed a report.

2:42 p.m. - A 911 call for a car that was keyed at the Walmart. Police sent and filed a report.

3:49 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a silver Honda Pilot driving at River Road at a high rate of speed. Police sent and checked the area, reported gone on arrival.

4:54 p.m. - Caller reported a fight between two dementia patients at Blaire House. Police sent and filed a report.

Wednesday, April 12

10:03 a.m. - Caller reported someone filled her pre-

scription under the name without her knowledge at James Avenue. Police sent. They filed a report. Doctor filled the wrong prescription.

2:32 p.m. - A 911 caller reported he believed his car was stolen in the area of Livingston Street. Police sent. The vehicle on East Street was located where the vehicle was. The male found the vehicle and has left.

5 p.m. - Worker at Marriott Residence Inn reported two suspicious people that will not leave property outside. Police sent. Ashley Letalien, 32, of 75 Biltmore Apartments in North Adams, was arrested and charged with possession of class E drugs and three counts of possession of class B drugs.

Thursday, April 13

9:05 a.m. - Employee at Tewksbury Cemetery reported people camping on the property. Caller requested an officer respond to and remove them. Police sent. They spoke with

a male party, declined any service at this time.

9:08 a.m. - Manager at O'Reilly Auto Parts reported male came into the store and made some verbal threats. Police sent. They spoke to the party dispute over a part. Customer was returned his money.

12 p.m. - Police out at Smitty's Liquors with a vehicle showing as stolen in Lowell. Police sent. Jovany Burgos, 24, of 15 Barker St. in Fall River, was arrested and charged with receive stolen motor vehicle and operation motor vehicle with license suspended.

5:23 p.m. - Walmart loss prevention reported a fraudulent credit card scanner was found. Police sent. Officer filed a report.

9:57 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a customer being disrespectful at McDonalds North. Police sent. The vehicle was gone on arrival with two males occupants and traveled in the direction of Andover in a dark

blue vehicle. Andover has been notified.

Friday, April 14

2:09 a.m. - A 911 caller for a male stating he woke up with injuries to his face and his dog was missing at Berkley Street. Police and ambulance sent. Charles Fopiano, 37, of 90 Berkley St. in North Billerica, was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with golf club and dangerous weapon with brass knuckles.

10:14 a.m. - Caller at Heritage Home Service reported one of his employees were threatened by a customer after he went to his residence last week. Police sent and officer filed a report.

12:19 p.m. - Call for a possible suspicious credit card purchase that was made earlier at Green Harvest Hydroponics. Police sent and officer filed a report.

4:01 p.m. - A 911 call for a male party who was assaulted at the laundromat. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Saturday, April 15

2:11 a.m. - Police reported a fight at Randall Road between two parties. Police sent. Richard Cara-

ballo, 46, of 10 Cork St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with second offense of OUI liquor, possession of class B cocaine, and operation of motor vehicle with license suspended. Michael Baez, 42, of 9 Ladyslipper in Pelham, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

11:20 a.m. - Call from Walmart loss prevention for a shoplifter with about \$200 worth of electronic devices in his backpack. Police sent and the male party ran into the woods. Police responded with the drone. Bryan Huntress, 35, of 60 Redgate Road in Dracut, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

11:48 a.m. - Caller reported a male party broken an EAS pedestrian last night and was now back in the store at Walmart. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Sunday, April 16

2:04 a.m. - Caller stated that she saw a male and a female at Livingston Street who appeared to be fighting. Caller stated she saw the male on top of the female. Both parties were in a silver or gray Jeep. Police sent. Two individuals played football.



Wilmington Police Log

Male party arrested for OUI - Liquor following accident

Friday, April 7:

1:34 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported at Federal Street and Liberty Street. Two parties wearing dark clothes were hiding behind trees on Lincoln Street. Police found the juveniles, who were picked up by their parents.

11:17 a.m.: A disturbance was reported at Dollar Tree on Main Street after a verbal argument occurred between a customer and staff member. The customer was issued a no trespass order and left the property.

9:18 p.m.: Gerald V. Piccirillo of 217 Andover St. was arrested for OUI - Liquor, Leaving the Scene of Property Damage, and Marked Lanes Violation following a motor vehicle collision on Salem Street near Harnden Tavern. The accident involved a gray 2003 Volvo S60 and a black 2015 Jeep Wrangler. The victim stayed at the Harnden Tavern while the other vehicle traveled toward Route 125. Police were able to stop that vehicle on Andover Street and bring him back in custody.

Saturday, April 8:

1:19 p.m.: A male party was reportedly pan-handling in the intersection near CVS on Main Street. The adult party, who was with a 7-year-old and a 3-year-old child, currently resides in Lowell and is out of work.

1:37 p.m.: A caller on Park Street was the victim of an attempted computer scam. The caller gave her bank account information, but quickly contacted the bank and had her accounts frozen.

Sunday, April 9:

12:46 p.m.: A caller reported that a squirrel was stuck in the pipe leading out of a dumpster near Abundant Life School on Church Street. The caller was unable to free the animal.

5:12 p.m.: A caller at HSH Design Inc. on Main Street reported vandalism to their property in the parking lot. A male party was on video throwing one of the business's traffic barrels.

11:02 p.m.: A single-vehicle rollover occurred at Exit 31 on I-93 Southbound Highway. State police were at the scene. The vehicle was smoking and leaking fluid, but the operator was outside of the vehicle.

Monday, April 10:

10:03 a.m.: A caller reported a motor vehicle collision on Salem Street where a concrete truck struck both Verizon pole #12 and a mailbox. Verizon was notified of the damage at the base of the pole and the truck driver's supervisor came and took control of the vehicle. The homeowner and the trucking company exchanged information.

12:22 p.m.: A caller re-

ported the train gates were malfunctioning on Clark Street. Keolis and the transit police were notified. Keolis were still on the scene attempting the repair even after the gates were upright.

8:53 p.m.: A caller reported losing his wallet this evening at approximately 6:30 p.m. The last place he had it was at EJ's Pizza.

Tuesday, April 11:

11:13 a.m.: A terminated employee arrived at Conforms on Research Drive and assaulted another employee. The terminated employee left the building and was driving a gray 2014 Lexus IS. A summons

was issued to Matthew A. Clemente of 115 Jackson St., Apt. #2 in Lawrence for Malicious Destruction of Property over \$1,200 and Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

1:02 p.m.: The manager of Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street reported a disturbance with a customer. The customer said he was overcharged. Once peace was restored, the manager stated he would investigate the supposed overcharge.

6:27 p.m.: A walk-in party from Hillside Way reported an incident of unemployment fraud.

Wednesday, April 12:

9:15 a.m.: A walk-in reported ongoing road rage incidents with the same vehicle over the past three months. The party wanted the information logged.

11:54 a.m.: A disturbance was reported at the MBTA North Wilmington Station on Middlesex Avenue. Keolis reported that a female passenger was refusing to pay but was removed without incident.

12:28 p.m.: A dog bite was reported in the area of Shawshen Avenue and Cushing Drive. The incident purportedly occurred the previous night.

Thursday, April 13:

2:16 p.m.: A black 2018

Nissan Altima SE was towed and its plates confiscated on Glen Road. Michael Thomas Sullivan of 3 William Road in Billerica was issued a summons for Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle, and No or Expired Inspection/Sticker.

2:23 p.m.: Police assisted in a brush fire on Ballardvale Street. Andover Police were notified of the situation. The road was shut down at 210 Ballardvale and Charles River Labs security was notified the only means of exit was through CRL. Traffic backed up on Ballardvale Street to Route 125 due to the number of tractor trailer units.

10:57 p.m.: A caller accidentally hit the emergency button in the elevator at Lume Apartments on Main Street. Police confirmed it was accidental.

Tewksbury Police charge three with drug offenses

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged three people with drug offenses as a result of two separate investigations this week.

Erica Gauthier, 50, of Dracut, was arrested and charged with:

- Distribution of a Class B Substance (Four Counts)
- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws

Kimberly Hebert, 55, of Dracut, was arrested and charged with:

- Distribution of a Class

B Substance (Two Counts)

- Conspiracy to Violate Drug Laws
- Possession of a Class E Substance

- Possession of a Class B Substance

Stephen Elliott, 36, of Lowell, was arrested and charged with:

- Distribution of a Class B Substance
- Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute

- Possession of a Class A Substance
- Possession of a Class B Substance

On Friday, April 7, at

approximately 9:15 a.m., Tewksbury Police were conducting surveillance in the area of 95 Main St., when they observed what they believed to be multiple drug transactions. In each instance, detectives stopped individuals leaving the area and, located drugs on them, and secured evidence regarding the source of the drugs.

Subsequently, on April 8, police obtained a search warrant from Lowell District Court for a room at the Motel 6, 95 Main St., and located 2 grams of fentanyl, nine tablets of buprenorphine, as well

as drug dealing paraphernalia. Elliott was arrested at that time.

On Wednesday, April 12, as part of a separate investigation, Tewksbury Police also arrested Gauthier and Hebert for distribution of drugs.

Elliott was arraigned in Lowell District Court on April 9.

Hebert and Gauthier were arraigned in Lowell District Court on April 13.

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Scouts learn about pet care, health and training; earn badge

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ton terrier, Tude. Therapy dogs in training Riggs, a Bull mastiff, Bumble, a Husky, and German shepherd puppy, Drei, met with the scouts as well.

Girl Scouts earn badges when they complete a set of requirements or skill-building activity. Badges are typically affixed to a sash or vest for the scout along with other troop insignia. To learn more about scouting in Tewksbury and Wilmington visit facebook.com/baldwingirlscouts.



▲ Girl Scout Brownie Troop 83441 worked on their Pets Badge last week at Auntie Dog Training Studio. Back row: Mela Bevington, London Lefort, Helena Russo, Emily DeGennaro, Capri Lefort, Nora DeGennaro, Keira Meagher, Ellie Ashe, Alliana Meagher (from Troop 67429), Grace Geary, Mila Santos, Kayla Campbell, Julia Lanterman, Annaleise Jacocks. Adults: Cheryl Knowles, Tewksbury Police Department, Kelly Farias, Auntie Dog volunteer, Liane Michell, Best Pets Veterinary Hospital. The dogs are Riggs, Bull Mastiff, Dr. Brownie McNuggles, Tewksbury Police Dept., Hailey Taylor Spence, Golden Doodle, Drei ist der Charme von Olympia, German Shepherd, Officer Waffles, Tewksbury Police Dept., Sun-woods FortaTude, Boston Terrier, and Bumble, Husky. (courtesy photo)

Judkins built up IT during COVID

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Judkins will fill a huge void while district officials regroup and finalize plans to launch another search for a permanent hire next winter.

Because she is already part of the central office leadership team, she will be able to transition into the new role while working directly alongside Alconada over the next few months.

"As you know, we posted externally for this position [but didn't really get any applications]... It's a supply-and-demand issue, candidly," said the superintendent of the limited pool of qualified job candidates with school finance backgrounds.

"We do have some internal [possibilities to explore]. So we do have thoughts about it," Crowley later responded, when asked how the district will now respond to resulting leadership vacancy in the school technology department.

According to Judkins, who oversaw a massive build-up in the district's technology capabilities with the arrival of COVID-19 in the spring of 2020, she had been flirting with the possibility of changing her career focus to school finance in the months before Alconada announced his planned de-



▲ JUDKINS
(Courtesy photo)

parture.

The former NASA researcher, who worked for four years in the life sciences sector before deciding to become a teacher, is certainly no stranger to such professional leaps.

Beginning her education career in 2006 as a middle school science teacher in Wilmington, the technology director briefly worked as a data assessment specialist and as a digital learning coordinator before making a full leap to an IT leadership role back back in 2017, when she was hired as the director of digital learning in Lexington's public schools.

"I've been a career changer more than once in my life. Like many teachers, I enjoy learning continuous-

ly," she told the School Committee. "I've been contemplating for some time where my career might go next, and in thinking about my interests and skill sets, I had been exploring the idea of a move into finance and operations."

"Obviously, there's a shortage [of manpower] in this area, so my timeline for all of this has been accelerated. But as this need has risen, I'm happy to step in. It's a nice opportunity," she added. "In terms of the finance piece, there hasn't been a spreadsheet I've met yet that I haven't liked."

According to Crowley, he plans on resuming the search for a permanent assistant superintendent in January of 2024. In the meantime, Judkins, who already obtained an educational certificate in public procurement and purchasing, plans to continue her education in the field and will be invited to apply for that job opening.

Judkins, who was hired as Woburn's technology director back in July of 2019, currently holds a bachelor's of science degree in biology from Stetson University and a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from the American International College.

Only one contested race in this year's town election

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The forms for absentee voting, vote by mail and the instructions for voting by mail are also available on the Wilmington MA website.

Finally, the annual town election will be held on April 22, 2023. Voting will take place in various polling locations between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

The polling locations for precincts 1, 2, and 3 will be at the Boutwell School, and precincts 4, 5, and 6 will be voting at Town Hall. Those who are unsure of what district they fall in can check the Precinct Map located on the Wilmington MA Website.

As the countdown to election day comes to a close, candidates are wished the best of luck

in their races and are thanked for their dedication to Wilmington and willing to serve.

Citizens of Wilmington are once again reminded to ensure that they practice their civil duty this Saturday, as their voice and their vote will help bring about the change they wish to see in the Town of Wilmington, in the state, and in the country.

Chair big supporter of school choice

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Jay Samaha commented that he would like to know the impact of opening school choice only for grades 9-12 in Wilmington. He said he'd like to view examples of how school choice impacts other participating districts like Burlington.

Stephen Turner agreed with the idea of talking to the School Committee in Burlington to learn about the program and its impact. He also shared the sentiment of opening only 9-12 for school choice but not below 8th grade. He proposed that class sizes falling below contractual obligations could

be a reason to accept new students and help the district retain high school staff.

He reiterated that he'd need to be able to get a picture of what it would look like.

Byrnes also suggested that districts like Burlington, Reading and Newburyport may be able to support school choice due to their budget and economic revenue.

Chair Dr. Jenn Bryson said she is a big supporter of school choice. With the sentiments expressed, she proposed they start exploring what participation may look like at the end of this year in order to properly consider it for next

year.

"There could be so many benefits to voting yes," she continued.

Byrnes also advised they reach out to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees for more information on school choice.

Melissa Plowman asked that they explore the burden this may place on administration. She suggested they be mindful of what they're asking the leadership team to do when they have so many competing priorities.

A motion not to participate in school choice for 2023-2024 was made and approved unanimously by all members present.

Committee hears Wildwood update

SCHOOL FROM PAGE 1

dressers hate in sports. He hoped this training would allow them to create tools to help ensure that they create a safe environment for student athletes in sports.

Plowman wondered if there was any similar training for educators. Brand proposed that they could take the information into the classroom as far as it is applicable.

The superintendent's update on the MSBA process for the new Wildwood School covered that logistics are being planned for the return of students after April break and preparation for construction of the restroom facility at the middle school. He also shared that Dore + Whittier would be meeting with the OPM and town leaders to plan

MSBA process activities for the next few months. He emphasized that there would be plenty of opportunity for community participation which would be announced after they finish planning.

Jesse Fennelly confirmed that there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes for this project. He shared appreciation for those involved.

Lastly, Brand gave a progress update on the superintendent goals. He said that they were moving forward with the culture and climate assessment. He hoped that the importance of this work could ease any survey fatigue families might be having. They would have a draft of new strategic plans not too far in the future.

With the WMS program review, he could see the

progress through their regular updates to the committee. They were working as a leadership team in the goal for diversity, equity, and inclusion. Brand said he'd changed the timeline for the goal around school community communication since they hadn't made progress on it yet.

Turner attested to the fact that there had been progress made with school community communication.

Plowman pointed out that there was overlap in the work towards culture and communication. She proposed that the survey about culture and climate ask questions about communication and how it impacts perception of culture and climate. Brand replied that he could take that feedback to the group preparing the survey.

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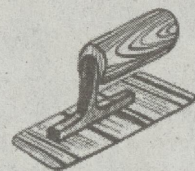
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7 Jackson Rd was sold to Keniston, Caroline B by Ruth R Irving 2022 T and Irving, John W for \$525,000 on 03/31/23

9 Nelson Rd was sold to Kupelian, Louise and Falvey, Jeffrey by Demirchyan, Grigor and Demirchyan, Gayane for \$850,000 on 03/30/23

15-A Sears St was sold to Fitzgerald, Thomas and Fitzgerald, Kerry A by Sears Street Rt and Murray, Robert W for \$525,000 on 03/27/23

LYNNFIELD

17 Greenwood Rd was sold to Effland, Jasin and Klein, Rachel by Hayden, Neil E Hayden, Susan J for \$921,000 on 03/29/23

2 Michaels Rd was sold to Conroy, Karen J and Miller, Kyle by C 2 Michaels Road Rt and Hanson, Eric D for \$894,500 on 03/30/23

31 Vokes Ter was sold to Vozzella Prop Mgmt LLC by Saniuk Rt Klimowicz, Phil E for \$510,000 on 03/31/23

NORTH READING

4 Concord St was sold to Sja LLC by Magliozzi Irt by King, Lauren M for \$620,000 on 03/31/23

193 Elm St #418 was sold to Chaloux, Stanley by R Edison, Michael D for \$693,400 on 03/30/23

174 Haverhill St was sold to Dalelio, Nicholas D by Affordable Hm Soln LLC for \$625,000 on 03/31/23

211 Haverhill St was sold to Lora, Alexandra and Lora-Rodriguez, Luis M by A Freeman 2015 RET and Freeman, Marlene A for \$579,900 on 03/31/23

6 Kingston St was sold to Belschner, Lisa A and Belschner, Thomas M by Griffin, Kathleen N for \$475,000 on 03/31/23

200 Martins Lndg #110 Clark, Joseph C and Clark, Janet L by Pulte Hm Of New Eng LLC for \$469,999 on 03/30/23

107 Park St was sold to Kota, Pradeep and Ramalingam, Dhiyya by Affordable Contractors C for \$1,312,999 on 03/31/23

30 Shady Hill Dr was sold to Howse, Amy L and Howse, Jason R by Gentile, Annette and Elliot, John for \$980,000 on 03/30/23

54 Spruce Rd was sold to Leblanc, Brian J and Azizolli, Lediana by Pappavaselio, Chris and Pappavaselio, Alison for \$1,175,000 on 03/31/23

READING

113 Belmont St was sold to Revtsov, Yevgen and Revtsov, Sara by John D Churchill T and Churchill, John D for \$760,000 on 03/31/23

46 Catherine Ave was sold to Guptill, Nicholas J and Ruane, Francis X by The Paul F Crowley Jr RE and Crowley, Brian P for \$760,000 on 03/30/23

21 Farmhouse Ln was sold to Carpenito, Dean J and Carpenito, Brittany by Chimney Hill Re LLC for \$2,195,000 on 03/29/23

136 Green St #2 was sold to Norton, Adam and Norton, Rachel R by kaco LLC for \$895,000 on 03/28/23

52 Johnson Woods Dr #52 was sold to Zhou, Junpei and Li, Xing by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,075,000 on 03/31/23

54 Johnson Woods Dr #54 was sold to Soni Ft Soni, Vivek K by Johnson Woods Realty Cor for \$1,006,000 on 03/30/23

120 Pearl St was sold to M&M Grimmer LLC by Thomas K Nunan 2003 RET and Nunan, Thomas K for \$745,000 on 03/30/23

88 Wescroft Rd was sold to Allain, Paul E and Allain, Christine W by Wilson, Charles E for \$117,500 on 03/31/23

STONEHAM

1-A Gerry St was sold to Vatanperver, Kaan by Figucia, Michele and Angelosanto, Charlene T for \$590,000 on 03/31/23

8 Lexington St was sold to Chen, Wanyi by Bovard, Brendan Bovard, Pooja for \$725,000 on 03/27/23

118 Macarthur Rd was sold to Oneill, Annmarie by Oneill, Annmarie and Oneill, John for \$156,891 on 03/30/23

44 Main St #207 was sold to Tsai, Yueh-Lin and Lai, Wan-Jung by Gertrude Shea RET Shea, Maureen for \$499,000 on 03/28/23

48 Morrison Ave was sold to Deangelis, Ryan and Jordan, Taylor by Ferriero, Michael A and Felici, Brianna A for \$920,000 on 03/31/23

TEWKSBURY

1113 Emerald Ct #1113 was sold to Niven, Timothy N by Niven, Paul G for \$300,000 on 03/29/23

89 Lake St was sold to Jaffe, Max L by Musto Sr Paul R Est and Musto Jr, Paul R for \$360,000 on 03/30/23

81 Lynnes Way #81 was sold to Hogan, John and Hogan, Rose by Roberts FT and Roberts, Jean M for \$550,000 on 03/31/23

114 Patten Rd was sold to Stratford, Christopher R Trulove, Jessica J by 114 Patten Road Nt Willette, Timothy J for \$854,000 on 03/31/23

100 Pleasant St #4 was sold to Morales, Jonathan and G Mazzuchelli, Laurenby by Gibbons, Jennifer for \$412,000 on 03/31/23

1695 Shawsheen St was sold to Dan Realty LLC by Richard C Dugas T Dugas, Richard for \$1,000,000 on 03/31/23

WAKEFIELD

98 Cedar St #19 was sold to Day Jr, Thomas by Dorsey, Erica for \$540,000 on 03/30/23

40 Hillcrest Rd was sold to Lang, Austin and Lang, Katharine by Robert E Lee RET 2021 Mitchell, Kristen for \$684,300 on 03/31/23

68 Preston St #3F was sold to Basilio, Fabio by Murphy Susan M Est Murphy, Brendan M for \$350,000 on 03/31/23

148 Prospect St was sold to Zou, Xin and Gao, Ruizhi by Hare Ft Hare, Hobart N for \$1,066,000 on 03/31/23

1 Wildwood St was sold to Hare Ft and Hare, Hobart N by Heritage Builders Inc for \$1,370,000 on 03/31/23

28 Yale Ave was sold to Macomber, Conor by Morel, Dennis and Morel, Diane for \$773,000 on 03/28/23

WILMINGTON

205 Aldrich Rd was sold to Dawson Perry, and Katherine M and Allen, Brandon F by Colantoni, Paul and Colantoni, Linda for \$1,100,000 on 03/31/23

14 Beacon St was sold to Dawe, Megan and Dawe, Peter by Frizol, Craig S for \$650,000 on 03/31/23

226 Burlington Ave was sold to Pathickal, Justin and Ravichandran, P by Benchmark Prop Assoc LLC for \$945,000 on 03/27/23

152 Chestnut St was sold to Kozak, Adam J and Bader, Rebecca by John F Helbert Lt Helbert, John F for \$775,000 on 03/30/23

67 Forest St was sold to Milton Forest St T and Milton, Tariq by Hawkins, Arthur for \$42,000 on 03/27/23

314 Main St #207 was sold to Qaddoura, Qutaiba by 207 Presidential Rt Parker, Jonathan J for \$85,000 on 03/31/23

24 Miller Rd was sold to De Araujo, Alexandre P and Braz, Cristiane D by Cummings, James L Cummings, Kimberley P for \$628,000 on 03/30/23

WINCHESTER

666 Main St #202 was sold to Oneill, Mary by Blanche Q Dellarciprete Dellarciprete, B Q for \$762,000 on 03/29/23

2 Priscilla Ln was sold to Murray, Robert W by Miller George F Est Miller, Mary E for \$965,000 on 03/31/23

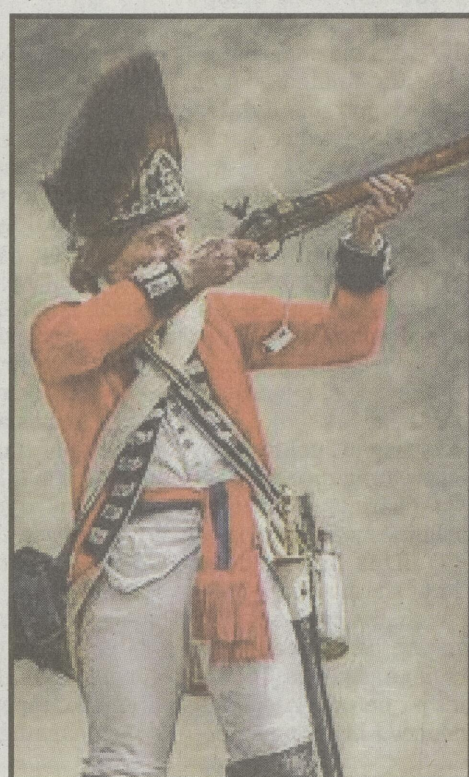
3 York Rd was sold to Degrandpre, Joshua P and Degrandpre, Jacqueline by T M Jr & Naomi Hurley RET Tambone, Linda for \$1,050,000 on 03/28/23

WOBURN

36 Arlington Rd was sold to Agwob LLC by Dulong Rt and Dulong, Anne for \$575,000 on 03/27/23

315 Mishawum Rd was sold to Shri Sai Ram Inc and Meshkav by Woburn LLC Woburn Lodging LLC for \$9,500,000 on 03/30/23

30 Rumford Park Ave was sold to Murry, Christopher M and Harding, Linda M by Zelandi, Christina M for \$625,000 on 03/31/23



THE 10TH REGIMENT GRENAДИER (THREE OF THEIR ELITE) IN FULL BRITISH UNIFORM will honor the Burlington Historical Society and audience with their presence on Thursday, May 4th. European Warfare in America in 1775? Why were these elite soldiers at a disadvantage? The program will be held at the Burlington Human Resource Building, 61 Center Street (next to Grandview Farm). Doors open at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:00 pm. The building is handicap accessible, there is no fee, and All are Welcome!

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Good-bye and thank you Wilmington

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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It was early May of 1993. I was less than a year out of high school with dirty brown hair, and maybe 150 pounds. I walked into the old Town Crier Building on Lowell Street in Wilmington and met then Sports Editor Rick Cooke, who I had known previously from dropping articles off when I was the official scorer of the Wilmington Over-35 Adult Softball League. I told Rick then I was attending Northern Essex Community College studying journalism and I needed an internship. He said great, 'why don't you cover the Wilmington High School Softball team'?

I agreed.
The rest is history.
From that conversation until today, I've spent a few weeks shy of 30 years with the Town Crier. Now soon to be 49 years old, gray (or white if you will) hair and a much bigger belly, I've decided it's time to say good-bye to the paper that has forever changed my life.

This past week, I gave my notice as I accepted a job with the Eagle Tribune Newspaper out of Lawrence and will join their sports staff this Monday. It was an offer I couldn't refuse, which includes being home more

The Wilmington Softball team won the state championship in the spring of 1993 and in those few months I fell in love with sportswriting and being a part of the Town Crier.

In March of 1994, with less than a year of experience under my belt, Cooke left the Town Crier and then Managing Editor Stu Neilson named me his replacement at the age of 18. I've held that position ever since and loved being a part of it every single day (even on the tougher days).

Although I am leaving, I don't plan on disappearing forever. We already have plans on the second annual Mike Ippolito Memorial Event in December, and I still have my first novel on the history of WHS Football which I continue to work on and will eventually promote. I'm staying on at the Crier for a few weeks to do the page layout, but this edition is the final one with my byline in it.

That being said, I have this last column, which is mostly a long list of well deserved thank-yous.

I owe so much to Rick Cooke for hiring me, believing in me when he left the position, and all of his writing tips, guidance and great friendship over the years. I owe Stu Neilson a huge thank you as well for also taking a chance on me at such a

sports pages improve. I hope I didn't forget anyone but a sincere thank you to the following writers: current staff Jason Cooke, Doug Hastings, Mark Nadeau, Dan Zimmerman and Adam Ippolito, and then former staffers including Brendan Foley, Joe Quilty, Josh Caredeo, Matt Kalman, Mike Liuzza, John Clemeno, Patrick Hanrahan, Dave Flynn, Joe Reardon, Steve Tobey, Mike Stoller, Darryl Grant, Erik Froton, Lou Cimaglia, Mike Giannattasio, Mike Burns, Dan Margarita, Dan Zimmerman, Dan Igo, Kyle Melinn, Dan Dilworth, Keith Lewis, Greg Ball, Brian Lowe, Bryan Brothers, Nick Parsons, Rob Cuzzi, Chris Ricciardi, Dave Gramling, Josh Voto, Fred Neilson, Steve Repsys, Sean Devlin, the late Sam Weisberg, Paul Daley, Dan Chalmers, Henry Pelmas, Ed Larkin and Bill Conlin.

Also, on the female side those former writers include: Lauren Spencer, Becca Quigley, Kayti Burt, Jessica Martin, Val Cwiekowski, Kaitlyn O'Brien, Flo Arsenault, Sandra Fletcher, Sarah Ralls, Cait DeFerrari, Amy Peterson, Andrea Corriveau, Kristin Purser, Sioban Walsh, Lizzy Hill, Morgan Hakala, Lynne Gearty, Kerri Stinson and Maddie Koening.



Dennis Ingram, shown back in January working at his desk, was named the permanent Athletic Director at WHS last Friday by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Glenn Brand. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Ingram earns his due; named permanent Athletic Director at WHS

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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WILMINGTON - This past Friday, Wilmington High School Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand announced that Dennis Ingram, who has been serving as the interim Athletic Director since last July 1st, will now be the permanent AD moving forward.

Ingram officially becomes the eighth Athletic Director in the history of the school following Larry Cushing, James Martin, Jim Gillis, Ed Harrison (two different stints), Tim Alberts and Mia Muzio.

"By all accounts, Mr. Ingram has done a sound job transitioning into the role and overseeing all aspects of our athletics program since the beginning of the school year," wrote Brand in his letter. "Not only has he successfully managed the immense logistics of the program, but has also displayed sound initiative by identifying a variety of opportunities that offered an immediate impact on our student-athletes."

Brand went on to say that since July 1st, Ingram has hired eight new varsity coaches, launched a Captain's Counsel, bringing together team captains to advance student-athlete leadership, partnered

with WCTV to bring new and innovative programs to the community and has assisted in leading the launch of our first Unified Basketball team.

Brand asked for feedback from members of the community and 40 responded with what he called "universal support" in favor of Ingram. He included some comments including one from a coach stating, "I have taught and coached at the high school level for 30 years and worked with many AD's and Mr. Ingram ranks with some of the best I have ever been around. He is fair and firm with student athletes and connects well with parents."

Brand concluded his letter by stating, "It is clear to me that our community currently has the right person in this role at this time to lead our athletic department and I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Dennis Ingram has accepted my offer to become the permanent Director of Athletics."

Later Friday afternoon, Ingram was on-hand at the Varsity Baseball game and had a number of people extending their congratulations and offering best wishes to him. He was asked about it.

"It was funny during the middle of (the school day, the high school principal) Ryan Gendron got on the intercom and said 'excuse

me for the interruption but I have some breaking news' and he went on and said some nice things about me. Then Dr. Brand sent out the community newsletter today also saying some kind things about me, so that was also nice.

"I'm really excited about this."

A few months ago, the Town Crier did an extensive interview with Ingram about his position and the happenings in the athletic world. Since then, Ingram said that the Unified Basketball program has started as the team had a game last week, and will have a home game on May 4th. The team is coached by Jon Amico, the now permanent boys basketball team coach.

Ingram added that the department is adding to its end of the year athletic awards, giving out more awards to its senior student-athletes. He also stated that earlier last week, the WHS Summer Clinics' information packets went out to parents.

"That's a big thing here and it's really well attended. And we're going to have a mini boot camp if you will for the high school kids before the summer clinics begin. Our baseball coach Matt McManus is helping us get that going so we're pretty excited about that," said Ingram.



On Monday morning, the Tewksbury High Softball team played host to Wilmington. Back 30 years ago, Town Crier Sports Editor Jamie Pote started his career with the paper covering a game between the two programs, and now his career has come in full circle, with his final assignment a game played between the two teams. After Tewksbury won 13-1, the team -- led by co-captains Samantha Ryan (left) and Samantha Perkins, as well as head coach Brittney Kannan -- presented Pote with a signed ball. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

with my wife and two daughters, something that was nearly impossible to do while here at the Crier.

Days after Rick Cooke took me on as an intern, it was May 12th, 1993 when I covered the Wilmington-Tewksbury High Softball game that saw the 'Cats come away with a 4-1 victory, and my first byline (besides the adult softball stories) appeared in the May 19th issue (I went under James Pote for the first year-plus before changing it). This past Monday, I attended my last game as Sports Editor of the Crier, covering the Wilmington and Tewksbury Softball teams playing against one another but this time Tewksbury won 13-1. It was actually neat to go in full circle (yes pun intended) like that.

young age and showing me the different ways of becoming a better journalist. I also would never be writing this article had it not been for the publishers of the company the late Captain Larz Neilson and now Peter Haggerty, as well their families.

I also owe so much gratitude to Jeff Nazzaro, the late Mike Ippolito, Paul Hayes and Doug Hastings (who first competed against me for years) for being four of my best friends. The ride, the laughs and your dedication to the paper and to me, will never, ever be forgotten.

Besides the four of them, the paper had countless number of people give their heart-and-soul to provide coverage, take photos, assemble graphics and pages, all to help the

Besides the writers, I need to thank all of the photographers and again hopefully I didn't forget anyone. Those include: current staffers Joe Brown, Bob DeChiara and Eric Canha, as well as the late Joe Hakey, Bill Ryerson, Maureen Brady, Jessica Murray, Erik Neilson, Ann DuLong, Ken Hart, Dan Bates, Jim Vaiknoras, Jonathan Whitmore, Jessica Lowry, Nicole Goodhue-Boyd, Denise Blair, Peter August, Peter Luongo and George Lucuzzi.

Besides the writers and photographers, I worked with several outstanding news editors and reporters including Steve Bjork, Shawn Sullivan, Belynda Cianci, Jayne Miller, Erin Downing, Mary Leach and Paige Impink and I'd like

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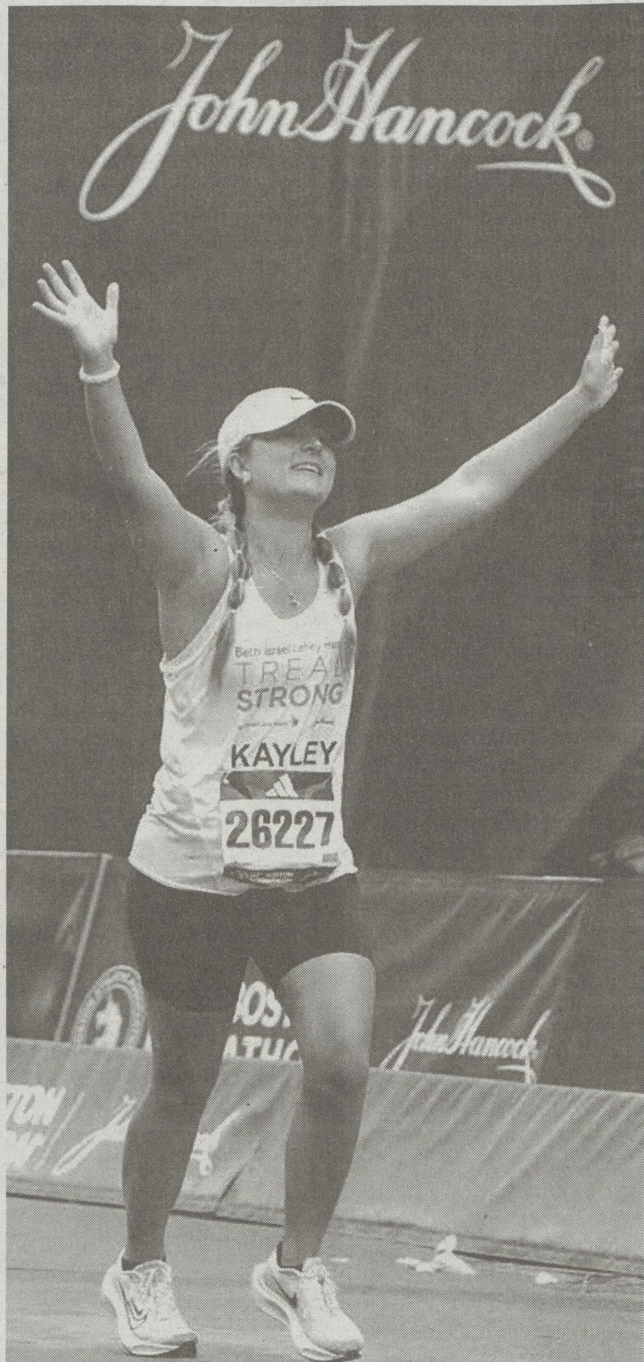
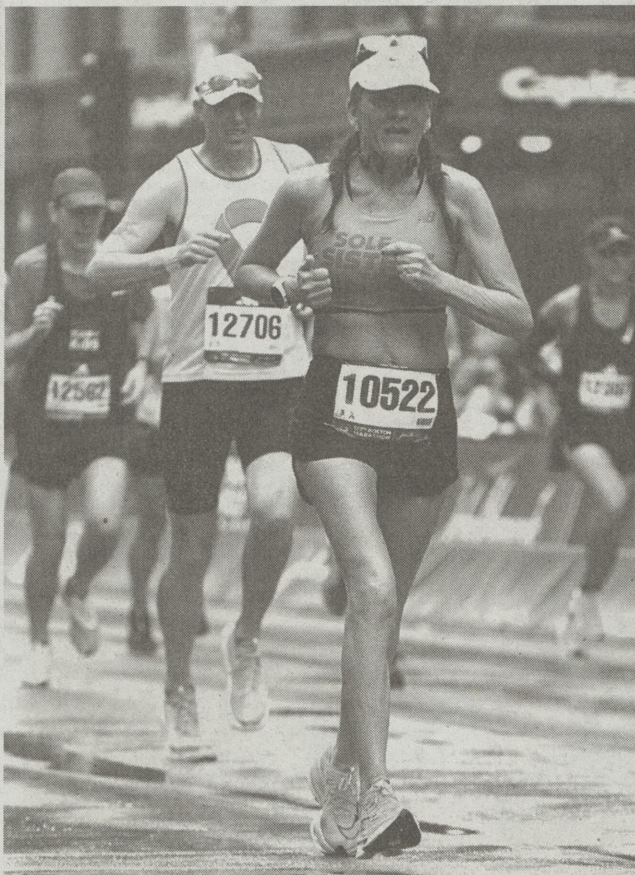
Local Boston Marathon Finishers

(See Wilmington Story SP2W)

| Wilmington | | |
|------------------|-----|---------|
| Name | Age | Time |
| Carl Hartford | 38 | 2:49.32 |
| Blake Raymond | 37 | 2:52.24 |
| Jill Chisholm | 51 | 3:22.32 |
| Erin Carroll | 26 | 3:29.30 |
| Keith McDonald | 39 | 3:52.26 |
| Daniel Buckelew | 40 | 4:51.07 |
| Kristin Harris | 45 | 5:01.34 |
| Kayley Keogan | 22 | 5:07.56 |
| Kristina Cronin | 28 | 5:44.11 |
| Chloe Castellano | 27 | 5:51.26 |
| Cheryl Slater | 51 | 5:56.33 |

| Tewksbury | | |
|---------------------|-----|---------|
| Name | Age | Time |
| Chris Orlando | 26 | 2:42.25 |
| Nichole Staude | 36 | 3:19.19 |
| Tammy Chow | 32 | 3:21.46 |
| Lauren Spencer | 30 | 3:26.21 |
| Meghan Brascia | 24 | 3:31.31 |
| Kevin Christie | 65 | 3:33.07 |
| Patrick Wild | 23 | 3:41.41 |
| Kathy Charbonnier | 62 | 4:13.57 |
| Steven Catanzano | 24 | 3:57.18 |
| Blake Hery | 26 | 4:26.22 |
| Christopher Mason | 34 | 4:28.52 |
| Jonathan Duggan | 47 | 4:29.08 |
| Alex Guarnotta | 28 | 4:32.40 |
| Pamela Gondola | 51 | 4:37.30 |
| Peter Riddle | 54 | 4:40.36 |
| Jacqueline Cochrane | 28 | 4:46.19 |
| Adam Savage | 41 | 4:49.50 |
| Michael Doherty | 53 | 4:56.10 |
| Brittany Fletcher | 24 | 4:56.48 |
| Nicole LeBoeuf | 43 | 5:20.40 |
| Dan Ziniti | 41 | 5:27.38 |
| Jennifer King | 48 | 5:35.12 |

Eleven Wilmington residents complete 127th annual Boston Marathon



Taking on and completing Monday's Boston Marathon includes from left, Jill Chisholm, Chloe Castellano and Kayley Keogan. (all courtesy photos).

Chisholm, Castellano and Keogan among the participants

By JASON COOKE
Sports Correspondent

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BOSTON/WILMING-
TON- The Boston
Marathon is an annual
celebration of pride and
competition across the
state of Massachusetts.
On Monday, thousands of
people lined the streets
from Hopkinton to
Boylston Street to cheer
on the 30,000 runners com-
peting in the 127th race.

However, the 2023 Boston
Marathon was extra bit-
tersweet. On the tenth
anniversary of the 2013
marathon bombings, this
year's runners were run-
ning for more than them-
selves, keeping their
names in memory as they
made the 26.2 mile trek.

Among the five victims
who lost their lives as a
result of the 2013 tragedy
was Wilmington native
Sean Collier.

A 2004 graduate of
Wilmington High School,
Collier was killed by the
Tsarnaev brothers follow-
ing the bombings while on
duty as an MIT police offi-
cer. Collier graduated
from Salem State in 2009
with a degree in criminal
justice, having his eyes
set on becoming a police
officer.

While interning at the
Somerville Police
Department, Collier
interned at the MBTA
Transit Police Academy,
graduating with the high-
est grade point average of
any officer to ever gradu-
ate from the academy.

On Tuesday, the MIT
Police held a ceremony to

honor Collier at his
memorial in Cambridge.

On a brisk Monday
morning, eleven
Wilmington natives/resi-
dents took off from
Hopkinton, keeping
Collier and the other vic-
tims and injured in their
hearts.

Leading the way for
Wilmington finishers were
Carl Hartford, 38,
(2:49.32), Blake Raymond,
37, (2:52.24), Jill
Chisholm, 51, (3:22.32),
Erin Carroll, 26, (3:29.30),
and Keith McDonald, 39,
(3:52.26).

Chisholm, the Founder
of the Sole Sisters
Running Club, completed
her seventh Boston
Marathon for her total of
15 marathons overall.

"It was a challenging
day, not resulting in the
time I was trained for, but
the Boston course is one
of the toughest, and you
don't always get back
what you've given in
training," she said.
"Despite it being a diffi-
cult day for me, the city of
Boston never disappoints.

"I have so much love for
the spectators and volun-
teers at Boston; they are
what makes the race so
incredible, and I can't
wait to do it all over again
next year," she said. "But
for now, I'm going to
enjoy a few days of rest
before getting ready to
train for the Age Group
World Championships at
the Chicago Marathon in
the fall."

Rounding out the
Wilmington finishers were
Daniel Buckelew, 40,

(4:51.07), Kristin Harris,
45, (5:01.34), Kayley
Keogan, 22, (5:07.56), who
ran in support of her
brother Mick, Kristina
Cronin, 28, (5:44.11), Chloe
Castellano, 27, (5:51.26),
who raised money for the
TB-12 Foundation, and
Cheryl Slater, 51,
(5:56.33).

Keogan was able to raise
\$10,500 for Beth Israel, a
charity that works closely
with Jolin Diabetes. After
her brother was diag-
nosed earlier this year, it
was an easy decision to
accomplish her goal of
running the marathon
while being able to sup-
port Mick.

"After completing the
marathon, I am so happy
and proud of finishing and
raising over \$10,500 for
Beth Israel," she said.
"The amount of energy
from the crowd and see-
ing my friends, family,
and coworkers really
pushed me to finish. It
was one of the best experi-
ences and I am proud to
be from Boston, especial-
ly on the ten year anniver-
sary, the city is still
strong as ever and it was
obvious on that rainy
monday.

"Not sure if or when my
next one will be but I re-
commend it for anyone
who has been debating
it."

Cronin, who raised funds
for Brigham and Women's
Hospital, has raised over
\$12,000 for the Stepping
Strong Center for Trauma
Innovation. Following the
2013 bombings, the center
was established in order

to treat patients who have
suffered trauma.

"As I suspected, the
Boston Marathon is noth-
ing short of an amazing
experience," said Cronin.
"Unfortunately due to
many factors I didn't run
the race I had hoped but
I'm proud to say I fought
through every mile to
cross the finish line and
become a Boston
Marathoner.

"The support from the
Boston communities
through each segment of
the race is impossible to
describe, they carry you
along when you feel like
giving up," she said.
"Yesterday, I kept think-
ing about the tragic
events ten years ago that
led to the Stepping Strong
Center and Marathon
Team's founding. I
reminded myself of why I
had started in the first
place to run for those who
can't and raise money to
help trauma victims for
years to come. So I
'Stepped Strongly' for 26.2
miles and became a
Boston Marathoner."

When Castellano arrived
at Hopkinton, she imme-
diately felt the electricity
in the air.

"From the very moment,
we started the day getting
on the buses in Boston to
bring us out to Hopkinton
till the very moment I met
up with my family at the
end of the day it was just
electric," she said. "Some-
thing that I didn't realize
and I don't know if many
other people realize is
that athletes Village in
Hopkinton, where we wait

to go to the starting line is
about a mile walk from
the actual starting line.
You think it's going to be
daunting but in reality it
was probably one of the
cooler parts of the day for
me.

"It reminded me of being
back in the tunnel, when I
was playing sports hear-
ing the crowd, walking out
to where you're going to
be running is a feeling I
didn't realize I missed it
until Monday morning.

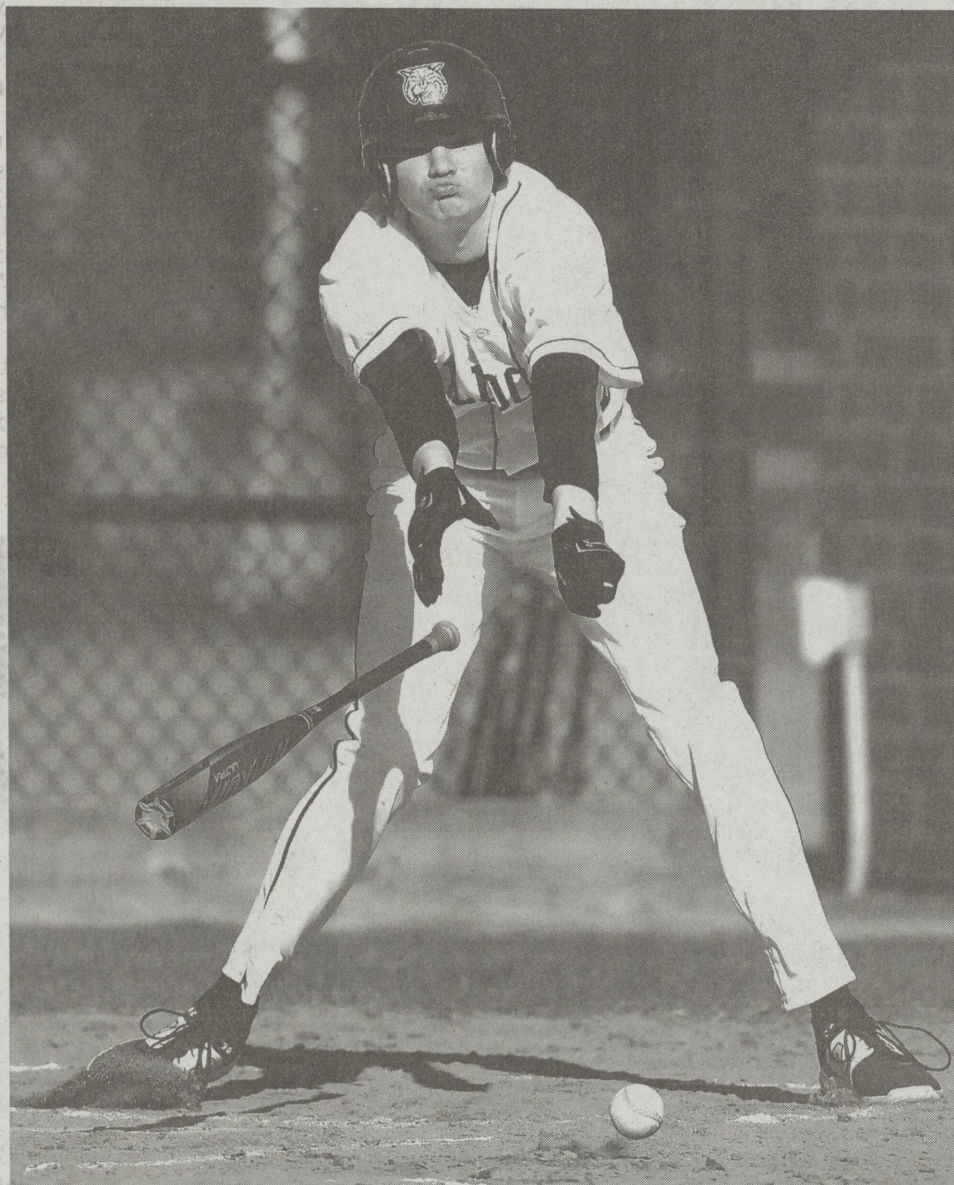
"I was lucky to have
family and friends posted
throughout the race at dif-
ferent mile markers," said
Castellano. "I don't think
anyone planned out that
way, but it worked out per-
fectly. Every few miles I
had something to look for-
ward to or someone to
look forward to seeing and
it helped push me through
each mile. And it was defi-
nitely emotional. Seeing
everyone out there sup-
porting and cheering for
me meant the world. I had
my name on my singlet
and that was definitely
the best choice I could've
made. You feel like a pro-
fessional athlete for a day.
Everyone you run by is
cheering for you, it's just
an experience I have trou-
ble describing it's almost

one of those 'you had to be
there' type of situations.

"Once you come out of
the small tunnel on Comm
Ave, it's like a dull hum
and you start to hear the
crowd and the electricity
from Boylston Street," she
said.

"Turning onto
Hereford and then onto
Boylston is the reason I'll
be back next year and
probably again after that.
It's the coolest experi-
ence. You forget that your
quads are screaming at
you and your hamstrings
are in a pretzel. And then,
finally seeing your entire
family in the crowd, talk
about energy. And then,
just like that it's over.

"You cross the finish
line, get your medal, and
then you go celebrate with
your loved ones. Everyone
reaching out while you're
walking through the
crowds to look you in the
eye and say congratula-
tions. I didn't think I
would become a marathon
runner, and maybe it's
just because I was lucky
enough to experience
Boston as my first
marathon, but it certainly
won't be my last."



Wilmington High junior Austin Harper loses control of his bat after making contact with a pitch during an earlier season Varsity Baseball game.

(photo by Bob DeChiara).

Wildcats continue to struggle defensively, fall to 1-4

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WILMINGTON - In three
of the first four games of
the season, the
Wilmington High School
Varsity Baseball team has
been plagued by poor
defense which led to three
losses. The one game
where the defense was
solid, the 'Cats won.

Last Friday, before the
home crowd, the Wildcats
defense really struggled,
making three errors,
while a few other plays
could have been made.
That along with Stoneham
belting out 14 hits led the
Spartans to an easy 11-3
victory in a battle of two
Middlesex League
Freedom Division teams
played on a gorgeous day
at Scanlon Memorial
Field.

"Every game our pitch-
ers are throwing strikes
and the ball is being put
into play. We have to catch
the ball and we have to
throw the ball and we
have not shown that we
can do that yet," said
Wildcat first-year head
coach Matt McManus.
"The thing that bothers

me the most is that a lot
of the mistakes that are
happening, are happening
before the pitch is thrown
with positioning. I can
just tell how the guys are
standing that they are not
ready for the pitch. When
contact is made and the
ball is in play, they are too
much in a hurry or too
anxious and it's like 'what
am I going to do here' and
we all know, that you can't
play baseball like that.

"We have to find a way to
shake that up. We have
been drilling them. We
had a great practice (on
Thursday). We took a ton
of groundballs. I'd also
like to see a little bit more
energy, too. They are kind
of dead."

Stoneham struck for
three runs in the top of the
first, two more in the
third, before adding four
more in the fifth and two
more in the seventh. The
Spartans were led by
Chuck Conway, who fin-
ished 4-for-4 with a double
and two RBI and senior
Matthew Donovan, who
went 3-for-5 at the plate
with a RBI, while he also
tossed six innings on the
mound to get the win. He

gave up just one earned
run on six hits, while he
didn't issue a walk and he
struck out four.

For Wilmington, they
managed just one extra
base hit coming off the
bat of No. 9 hitter Eric
Spinney. Austin Harper
finished with two hits,
while, Michael Monteforte
(RBI) and Michael Dynan
had the other hits.

Burke Zimmer drove in
Spinney with a RBI single
in the third inning and
then Monteforte singled in
Dynan in the fifth. In the
sixth, Dynan walked and
eventually came home on
a pair of wild pitches.

Before that loss, the
Wildcats were shut out by
Wakefield, 5-0. Monteforte
and Harper had the lone
hits in the game, while
Ayden Balter went six
innings on the mound and
suffered the loss.

Wilmington faced
Watertown on Wednesday
with results not known as
of presstime and then will
travel to face Melrose on
Friday, Burlington on
Monday and Lexington
next Wednesday.

Good-bye and thank you Wilmington

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to thank all of you as well.

I also worked with very talented graphic artists, who would stay very late on Tuesday nights to help me out whenever needed, and that list includes Erik Neilson, Chrissy Packard, Brian Crowley, Matt Taylor and Scott Gallant.

I also had a handful of absolutely wonderful people who were part of our team when we had our two different offices in Wilmington and the old Daily Times Chronicle office in Woburn. That group includes current workers Kathy Howlett, Tricia Lawson and Mary Early, as well as the late



Betty Downs, the late Kathy Pacini and the late John O'Neil. I can't forget Jeannie Purtell, Marcy Ragucci and Pat O'Brien either. Again I thank you all for your friendship and your dedication and loyalty as part of the Crier Family.

I'm certainly very proud of the product that we put out each and every week. Up until I got married and my wife and I adopted our girls, I always said that the Town Crier pages were like my family and babies. I prided myself of being at every sporting event I could possibly make, providing interesting and factual stories and giving opinions on things, whether they were right or wrong at the time. I tried, although sometimes I failed, to bring humor to some stories as well.

One thing I always enjoyed was sharing special moments with the student-athletes - being there when they accomplished something like a personal record in track all the way to a state championship title.

Looking back, Rick threw me into the wolves and it was the best thing to ever happen to me as I learned countless things over the years. I learned how to handle the good with the bad. I know I made a million mistakes but each one helped me in a different way. I firmly believe that the first ten years here I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. The middle ten years I started to put things together. The last ten years, however, I don't think there was a weekly newspaper in the state that could match what we did as a staff week-in and week-out.

Throughout my tenure here, we were producing anywhere from 8 to 16 page sections in each town, as well as all of the other special sections we did for the various teams.

I have so many memories and stories that I wrote that I'll take with me forever. There were the six state championship titles between softball, ice hockey, golf and girls track and I was there for all of them. There were the countless individual titles in track, golf, wrestling and I witnessed almost every single one of them. There were all the trips and places I went on with teams like Vermont for wrestling, Martha's Vineyard for hockey, Cape Cod for softball, Fenway Park twice to cover Jason Bere and all over the state to cover countless track, wrestling and golf events. There are so many other

events and stories that I'll never forget.

To cover as much as we did, you need the help of the school administrators and their staff members. I was very fortunate enough to work with some of the best Athletic Directors between Jim Gillis, Ed Harrison, Mia Muzio and now Dennis Ingram, as well as their administrative assistants Kathy Stygles, Susan Hardimon, Cheryl Tavares, Caroline Gattuso and Jon Amico and I thank each and every one of you for making my job that much easier because of your constant assistance.

Besides the administrators, there are a large number of coaches, who I really need to thank for dealing with me for so long, putting up with my phone calls/texts/emails and sometimes my dumb questions.

I especially need to thank Paul Lyman. He was the coach of that 1993 Wilmington High Softball team, who made it so enjoyable to cover the team, and helped make it so easy to fall in love with this job.

I also need to especially thank to Steve Scanlon, Sue Hendee, the late Dick Scanlon, the late Frank Kelley, Jim McCune, Bob Almeida, Mike Pimental, Chip Bruce, Joe McMahon, Jay Keane, Joel McKenna and Mark DiGiovanni for helping my career in so many different ways, but more importantly, for being such great, loyal friends for all of these years.

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There's also many other coaches who served at one time or another and also were great to deal with and I thank each one of you. I also need to thank all of the youth sports presidents, board members, coaches and parents, who helped the paper provide coverage for the little guys and girls.

Besides the administrators and coaches, there's another long list of people, who I need to thank for different reasons. Jack Cushing thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you have done for me. Also, there's no way I would have landed the Town Crier position without the help of former principal Eddie Woods, who helped a struggling student along, and has continued to do that to this very day.

I also need to thank Bob Dicey, Chuck Otis, Jim Boyle, Brian Kane, Jim Stewart, Brian McKenna, Tina Chirichiello, Ray Mercuri, Rich Hayden, Dick Wetzler, John Foley, Lou Cimaglia, Sr., the Nally Family, Rick Hill and Bob and Linda DuCharme, as well as those great friends, who are no longer with us but all have a place in my heart including Ronnie Barber, Dick Scanlon, Steve Winston, Jack Smith, Hugh Wiberg, Larry McGrath, Dave Orndorff, Dick Hayden, Joe Gillis, Kara Irving, Joe Ranno, Jim McGonagle, Sean Kerrigan and Derek Hanley.

I especially need to thank Hugh Wiberg, who set me straight after pointing out about 20 spelling mistakes that I had in one column back during my very early days. I have to thank Tim Wilson, who if I didn't stay at the office to close to midnight on a Monday night so he could drop off a youth soccer story, I wouldn't be writing this piece as he really helped push my writing career forward.

I would like to thank the hundreds of wonderful families I've met, the hundreds of student-athletes I met and wrote about and all of you who read the sports section every week and supported the sports staff.

Last but not least I need to thank my family. Almost every interview I did with a student-athlete I asked them about their family, so I'd like to give mine some props. First off my wife Julie and my daughters Lennox and Teagan have sacrificed so much because of my job here. It's never easy with tough deadlines to meet, and people you need to call or see in person, schedule changes, afternoon and night games, holidays and just not being around. I missed a lot of family outings over the years and the biggest reason why I'm leaving is so I can spend more time with them at home.

Secondly, my parents. My dad passed several years ago but we would talk for hours about the local sports scene and he educated me so much on Wilmington sports history and just sports in general. I miss him dearly and thank him for everything he did for me and all of the sacrifices he made as a father.

My mother is my biggest supporter and always has been. Before I visited Rick that day, I had a talk with her and told her my plan and she was all for it. She has supported me every step of the way, helped me out during some controversial stories, and would always harp on me to "get my facts straight".

My sister, my brothers, my brother and sister in-laws, my in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, my late grandparents, and my nieces and nephews, thank you so much for always supporting me throughout my journey. Also my four best friends - who go by their nicknames, Sully, Marty, Fluffy and Chief, thanks for always putting up with me when I was stressed out, or whenever we would have to change our plans together because of my work schedule. Thank You. I'm so lucky to have you guys on my team.

Truthfully, being a part of the Wilmington Community has always felt like a team.

From the bottom of my heart, I'd like thank all of you.

The past 30 years has been nothing but a blast, and I'll cherish my time here forever.



Tewksbury's Alyssa Adams is safe at home getting past the tag by Wilmington's Julia Archer, while Tewksbury's Aislin Davis is awaiting to see the safe sign from the umpire during Monday's home win for the Redmen.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Redmen take advantage of sloppy play by 'Cats

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On Monday morning, the Wilmington and Tewksbury High School softball teams met for a non-league game played in the raw, rainy temperatures at Hazel Field.

It didn't take long before the reigning Division 2 state finalists of Tewksbury ran away with this one, scoring four runs in the second, six more in the third and three more in the fourth to come away with a 13-1 five-inning mercy run rule victory.

The Redmen took advantage of six walks, six hits-batsmen and three defensive errors, all leading to six unearned runs. Offensively, Becca Harris had a three-run double, Samantha Perkins had a single, two RBI and a stolen base, Sydney Whalen had a RBI double and Aislin Davis had a sacrifice fly, RBI triple, got hit by a pitch and scored twice. Alyssa Adams scored three times as well.

Whitney Gigante was the winning pitcher as she went the five innings giving up one run on four hits, while walking one, hitting a batter and striking out eight, as she really had her fastball going in this one.

For Wilmington, Keirsten Moore had a RBI single to score Julia Archer, who reached on an infield single. Eva Boudreau and Alli McElligott had the other hits.

Earlier in the week, Wilmington lost to Triton Regional, 7-4 in a non-league game and before that was a thrilling 4-3 come from behind win over Wakefield.

Wilmington trailed 3-1 after the fourth inning and the score remained that way until the bottom of the seventh. Charlotte Forcina started the rally with a walk. Erin McCarthy singled and Lily MacKenzie walked to load the bases. Abby LaClair followed with a sacrifice fly, and all three runners moved up a base. That was vital as Boudreau ground out to

score McCarthy from third. Alli McElligott followed with a hard hit to third base and the ball was mishandled, allowing her to reach first and MacKenzie to score for the walk-off victory.

Playing well defensively were outfielders Cassie Tibbetts and Charlotte Forcina, while LaClair threw out a runner trying to steal third base. Archer was the winning pitcher as she went the distance, and also helped herself out with two hits at the plate.

Tewksbury started their season with losses to Billerica (2-1) and Central Catholic (11-5), before beating Chelmsford (2-1).

In the loss to Billerica, the game was scoreless after four innings. The Indians scored two runs in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of the sixth, Tewksbury's Aislin Davis belted a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Harris to make it 2-1.

Tewksbury had a runner at second with one out and then third with two out in the seventh but couldn't score and the game ended

with the one run defeat.

In the win over Chelmsford, senior pitcher Samantha Ryan was excellent on the mound as she gave up just one hit, which came in the seventh inning. She also struck out ten and walked one.

Tewksbury got on the board in the second inning as Sam Perkins hit a solo homer as part of her two-hit day. Whitney Gigante doubled in the bottom of fourth and scored on a RBI hit by Whalen.

In the loss to Central, Harris was 2-for-4, while Adams, Perkins, Whalen, Abby Tower and Avery Della Piana each had a hit. Della Piana had two RBI.

Tewksbury will travel to Andover on Thursday morning for an 11:00 am contest and then come home to face North Andover on Monday at 4 pm.

Wilmington will travel to Watertown on Thursday morning for a 10:00 am game and then host Burlington on Monday starting at 4:15 pm.

Back in 1993, Wilmington pulled out the victory

**This was my first story - covering Wilmington versus Tewksbury Softball - which appeared in the May 19th, 1993 edition of the Town Crier.*

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The Wilmington High School girls' varsity softball team met Tewksbury last week at Aprile Field in Wilmington, where a win for Wilmington would clinch a spot in the Massachusetts State Tournament.

Wilmington quickly jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first inning on an RBI single by Carrie Tarantino and a sacrifice fly by Adrienne Fay.

Fay, who pitched exceptionally well for the 'Cats, struck out 10 batters while giving up just four hits, was cruising along blanking the Tewksbury batters.

In the fifth inning, Wilmington struck again with a lead-off single from Leanne Harris, who was driven in by Laurie Southmayd's sacrifice fly. Nicole Ouellette and Nancy Pote had back to back hits, with Ouellette scoring on Pote's double.

Leslie Dobbins stroked a double in the left center gap to drive in the only run for Tewksbury, as Fay closed it out with a 4-1 victory to clinch a spot for Wilmington.

"It was an excellent game, the two pitchers (Fay and Aimee French) pitched exceptionally well, but the mistake hurt and that's why we didn't win," said Leo DiRocco, coach of Tewksbury.

Wilmington won its' 11th game against two defeats and has a tough road ahead with Lawrence on Monday.



Wilmington's first baseman Eva Boudreau digs the ball out of the dirty for the out before Tewksbury's Becca Harris crosses the bag during Monday's game played at Hazel Field.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Valiant effort against top caliber team just falls short

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WILMINGTON - Coming off a relatively easy opening season victory against Watertown, the Wilmington High School boys outdoor track-and-field team hosted a very tough Wakefield squad at home on Friday afternoon. Although the score indicated an eight-point

loss, this was really a win for the Wildcats. "We had a great meet. Wakefield has been a perennial powerhouse and has won a bunch of league and state championships in cross country, indoor and outdoor track," said head coach Mike Kinney. "The fact that we competed so closely and the meet came down to the last event, the 4x400 says a lot

about our growth as a team. I am super proud with how the team stepped up to the challenge and competed. The 4x400 race was electric and each of the runners in the relay ran courageously." Wakefield had a lead of 67-64 coming down to that final event and came away with the win in the 4x400 relay and the meet

win by a 72-64 score. The combination of Jon Magliozzi and Noah Carriere led the way for the 'Cats. The two seniors combined for five first places and a third, for a total of 26 of the team's 64 points. Magliozzi was a triple winner, taking the 100 (11.75), the 200 (23.75) and the long jump (19-11.25) and Carriere was tops in the 400 (52.97) and triple jump (37-4.25) and grabbed a point with his third place finish in the 200 (24.32).

"Jon Magliozzi was battling an illness and had a great day. He won three events and had personal record in the 100 and the 200. He also won the long jump by over a foot," said Kinney. "Noah Carriere ran a personal record in the 400 breaking the 53 second barrier. His win avenged a loss that he had to the Wakefield runner in the winter in the 600. He also won the triple jump with a personal record."

Since the beginning of the indoor season, Kinney has stressed that the distance crew has continued to make giant strides and will continue to do so. In this meet the group again were consistent.

"Wakefield's strength is in their distance events. Our young distance group rose to the occasion and

grinded out some key points with a string of personal and season bests," said Kinney. "Sophomore Dean Ciampa ran a twenty second personal record in the two-mile placing third.

"Thomas Burns ran a personal record in the mile and the 800 taking a second and third. Mike Oatis placed third in the mile with a season personal record. The success of the distance crew is a result of a lot of work and it is particularly gratifying to see all the distance kids excel."

Ciampa crossed the finish line at 10:32.52, while, Burns finished at 4:50.84 - while adding a third in the 800 (2:08.94) and Oatis finished at 4:52.97.

In the other running events, Aiden Burke was second in the 400-meter hurdles (67.61), Tyler Nguyen was third in the 400 (55.51) and then Hunter Sands was third in the 110-meter hurdles (19.11) before moving on to add a second place in the high jump, clearing 5-8.

In the other field events, Lucas Gorham won the shot put throwing 34-8 as did Cooper Loisel but in the javelin, throwing 125-6. Also Liam Lydon was second in the shot put (33-11), Tyler Sheehan was

second in the discus (107-4) and Braden Huddleston was third in both the shot put (33-10) and discus (103-1).

"In the throwing events, we got 18 out of 27 possible points. Lucas Gorham had a good taking home first in the shot. Cooper Loisel won the javelin. Tyler Sheehan took a second in the discus. Liam Lydon had a season personal record in the shot for second and Braden Huddleston grabbed two third places in the shot and the discus," said Kinney.

Finally in the jumping events, both Sean Patrone and Hunter Sands tied for second with season bests marks of 5-8 in the high jump, and in the triple jump, Charlie Rosa was second at 36-8 and Marvins Jean was third at 35-6.75 and finally Martin Philiossaint was third on the long jump with a mark of 18-3.50).

Overall, it was a fantastic day for the 'Cats.

"With 17 different point scorers, it was a total team effort. We just came up a little bit short, but I feel like this meet is going to go a long way in improving our confidence and competitiveness moving forward," said Kinney.

In season opener, Wildcats easily ran past Watertown

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READING - Heading into their meet with Watertown back on Thursday, April 6th, the Wilmington High School boys track squad was hungry for a win.

Following an effort that totaled 124 points from 24 different athletes, the 'Cats delivered in ultimate team fashion.

"The score may seem very lopsided which really is a reflection of Watertown's small team numbers," said Wildcat head coach Mike Kinney. "However, their top athletes are very competitive and the Wilmington team stepped up to challenge them. This was definitely a positive meet in which we can build upon to challenge the tougher teams in the league."

Leading the way for Wilmington was Noah Carriere, scoring 13 total points that included a win in the triple jump (36-7), a win in the 400-meter dash (53.42 seconds), and a second place finish in the 200-meter dash (24.5).

Right behind Carriere in the point totals was Jon Magliozzi and Hunter Sands, both earning 11.25 points in the effort.

Sands, notching first place finishes in both the high hump (5-6) and 110-meter hurdles (19.6 seconds), played a key role in the team's first place 48-second 4x100 relay foursome. Magliozzi was the first leg of the relay winning group, also winning the 100-meter dash (12.1 seconds) and the long jump (18-9). The pair was joined by Charlie Rosa and Jon Foresyth.

The 'Cats also saw a victory in the 4x400 relay (3:51.57), including

Thomas Burns (57.9), Roman Moretti (58.8), Tyler Nguyen (57.4), and Matt Steinmetz (57.5)

Aidan Burke won the 400-meter hurdles (67.6) and earned two second place finishes in the javelin (111-0) and the long jump (17-5).

Also standing out for the 'Cats was newcomer Martin Philiossaint, who's eight point day consisted of a win in the triple jump (36-11) and second place in the 100-meter dash (12.7).

"Martin Philiossaint is new to Wilmington and he looked great in the competition," said Kinney. "He placed second in the 100 and won the triple jump. His winning jump was much further but he stepped backwards as he was leaving the pit which took almost four feet of his mark. He is very athletic and should be very helpful for our team."

Rounding out the field events, the 'Cats saw success from Braden Huddleston, taking first in the shot put (34-8), second in discus (98-0), and third in javelin (110-1) and Tyler Sheehan, taking a first place finish in the discus (107-7).

"Tyler Sheehan picked up where he left off last year in the discus with an excellent early season throw of 107-7," said Kinney.

Cooper Loisel was victorious in the javelin (117-9), Sean Patrone earned a second place bid in the high jump (5-4) and third in the long jump (17-4). The 'Cats saw third place finishes from Nguyen (long jump, 16-10) and Lucas Gorham (shot put, 31-9, discus, 94-7).

In the distance events, Kinney was impressed with his team's transition

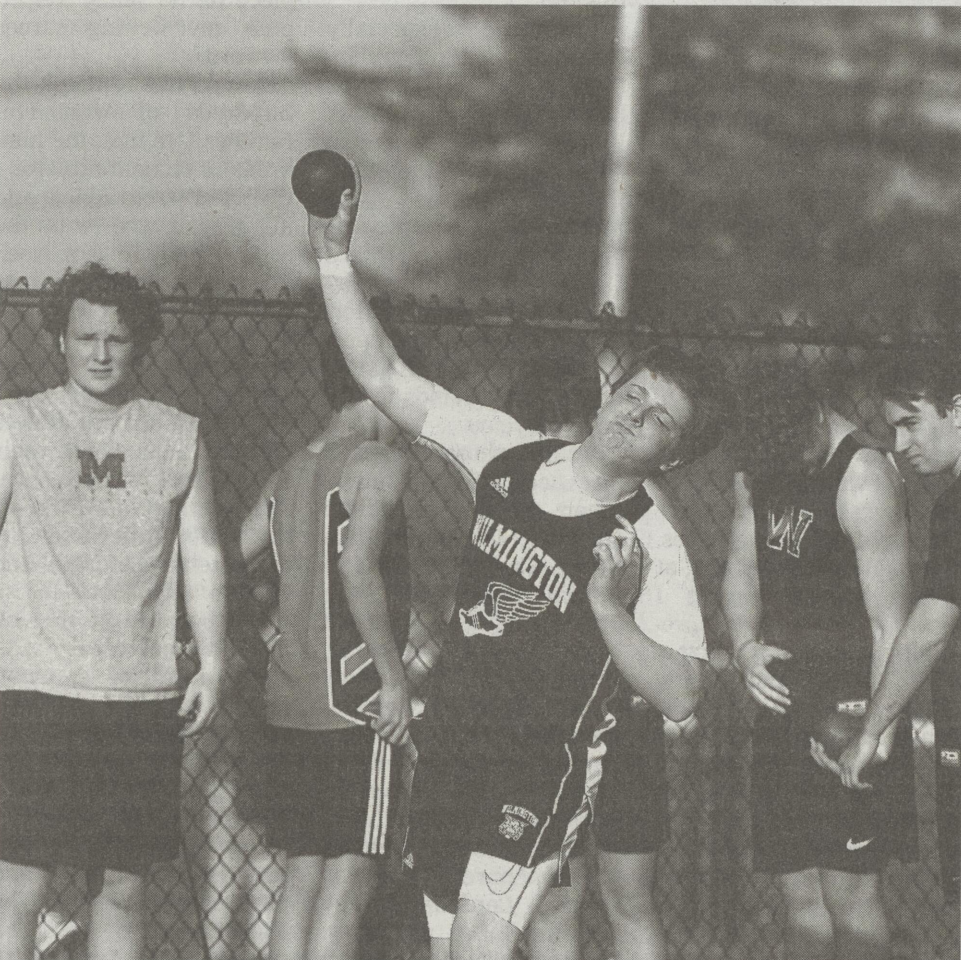
from the winter to spring season.

"The distance crew has put in a lot of work between the winter and spring seasons, and it has paid off," he said. "There were a bunch of personal records for the distance crew, and they are ready to excel this year and next. Thomas Burns (4:53.18), Dean Ciampa, (4:54.34) and Mike Oatis (4:55.72) were top three in the mile. Roman Moretti (2:13.39) and Brayden Gorski (2:19.56) picked up first and third in the 800, and Ciampa (11:01.27), Jake Cronin (11:08.65), and Vihbush Sivakumar (11:25.15) swept the two mile."

Rounding out the Wilmington scoring was Patrone, who was second in 110-meter hurdles (20.5), Ashvin Baker, who was second in 400-meter hurdles (69.72) and second in the 400-meter dash (56.7), Rosa, who was third in triple jump (35-9), Cam Pereira, who was third in the 110-meter hurdles (22.83), and Cam Jenks, who was third in 400-meter hurdles (70.1).

Kinney was pleased to see scoring from all parts of his lineup, from the veterans all the way down to the newcomers.

"Tyler Nguyen, Matt Steinmetz, Jon Foreysth, Ashvin Baker, Cam Jenks, Lucas Gorham, Nick Atwater and Charlie Rosa all had a strong start to the season," he said of his veterans. "Among the new athletes to the team, several look like they will be important contributors moving forward, including Ben Wright, Luke Cushing, Cam Pereira, Gabriel Borges, and Dylan Grace."



Wilmington High's Luke Cushing lets the shot put fly during Friday's loss to Wakefield held at the Frank Kelley Memorial Track. (photo by Eric Canha).



Liam Lydon uses everything he while unleashing a discus throw in last Friday's home meet against Wakefield. (photo by Eric Canha).

Where's the Action?

| Day | Date | Sport | Opponent | Time |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Tewksbury High Sports | | | | |
| Thursday | April 20 | V Softball | at Andover | 11:00 am |
| Thursday | April 20 | V Baseball | vs Dracut | 4:00 pm |
| Friday | April 21 | V Girls Lacrosse | vs Bedford | 10:00 am |
| Friday | April 21 | V Boys Lacrosse | at Bedford | 11:00 am |
| Friday | April 21 | B/G Track | at MSTCA DC - STJ | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Girls Tennis | at North Andover | 3:30 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Baseball | at Billerica | 3:45 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Softball | vs North Andover | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Boys Tennis | vs Lawrence | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday | April 25 | V Boys Lacrosse | vs Billerica | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday | April 25 | V Girls Lacrosse | at Billerica | 6:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Girls Tennis | at Haverhill | 3:45 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Boys Tennis | vs Methuen | 3:45 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Baseball | vs Haverhill | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Girls Lacrosse | vs North Reading | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Softball | vs Haverhill | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | April 27 | V Boys Tennis | cs Central Catholic | 3:45 pm |
| Wilmington High Sports | | | | |
| Thursday | April 20 | V Girls Lacrosse | vs Waltham | 12:00 pm |
| Friday | April 21 | V Baseball | at Melrose | 4:15 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Boys Lacrosse | at Essex Aggie | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Girls Tennis | vs Melrose | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Baseball | at Burlington | 4:15 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Softball | vs Burlington | 4:15 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Boys Tennis | at Melrose | 4:15 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Girls Lacrosse | at Watertown | 6:30 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Boys Tennis | at Burlington | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Girls Tennis | vs Burlington | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | B/G Track | vs Stoneham at RMHS | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Baseball | at Lexington | 4:15 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Softball | vs Lexington | 4:15 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Girls Lacrosse | vs Wakefield | 4:15 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Boys Lacrosse | at Wakefield | 6:30 pm |
| Shawsheen Tech Sports | | | | |
| Thursday | April 20 | V Girls Lacrosse | at Haverhill | 4:00 pm |
| Friday | April 21 | V Baseball | at Lowell Catholic | 11:00 am |
| Monday | April 24 | V Baseball | at Saugus | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Softball | vs Arlington Catholic | 4:00 pm |
| Monday | April 24 | V Tennis | at Nashoba Tech | 4:00 pm |
| Tuesday | April 24 | V Softball | vs Whittier | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Baseball | at Northeast | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Girls Lacrosse | at Northeast | 4:00 pm |
| Wednesday | April 26 | V Tennis | vs Fellowship | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | April 27 | V Softball | at Northeast | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | April 27 | V Tennis | at Gr. Lawrence | 4:00 pm |
| Thursday | April 27 | B/G Track | vs Gr. Lowell | 4:00 pm |

WHS Sports Round-Up: Tennis, Lacrosse and Girls Track

Coach Woods, Wildcats, earn first victory over Watertown

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WILMINGTON- This past week, both the boys and girls tennis squads as well as the boys lacrosse team earned crucial victories to close out the first third of the spring athletic season.

Girls Tennis

On the girls front, first year head coach Christina Woods and her young team of players earned their season's first victory in a 3-2 edging over Watertown on Friday.

"It's very exciting," Woods said of the first win. "The girls needed this win for their confidence after losing four in a row and losing to Stoneham which was a close match. They needed this for their confidence because they're a young team. My first singles is a freshman, my second singles is a sophomore, and I've just been trying to build up their confidence."

However, the win didn't come easy for the 'Cats, where every match was highly competitive.

"It was the closest match ever, it literally could have went either way," admitted Woods. "Three of my players went into three sets, it was very close."

Setting the tone for the 'Cats was first singles freshman Jaslene Ryou, winning her match 6-4 6-1 to put Wilmington in the driver's seat.

"Being a freshman, she already has two wins, so that's huge for a freshman," said Woods. "She's been pulling through for the team, we needed that win to win the whole match. She was consistent throughout the whole match, she finished it in two sets, and she just played really well."

Both remaining singles matches went into third sets, but the 'Cats were ultimately unable to seal victories.

Shubhangi Tripathi fell 0-6, 6-1, 1-6, while Carolyn Haas-Timm fell 2-6, 6-4, 3-6.

"Sometimes we struggle with the singles trying to pull off wins," said Woods. Shubhangi, my second singles tonight, and Carolyn, both went into three sets so I was proud of them because they were able to turn it around and come back."

With two matches remaining, Wilmington secured the two victories that were necessary in order to add a tally to the win column.

First doubles Sophia LaVita and Maddy Benoit won 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 in a back and forth match. At second doubles, Woods' decision to insert Maria Cummings into the lineup with Marni McBride paid dividends.

"They were able to play really well together," Woods said of their 6-4 6-2 win. "Maria is someone who has really stuck out to me this season and I wanted to give her some

playing time on varsity, and I put her in today and she honestly killed it. She'll be getting a lot more time on varsity. Marni is very consistent, she's been playing second doubles. Clearly they can play well together."

Two days prior, Wilmington ended up on the other side of a close match, losing to Stoneham 3-2 on Wednesday.

"Watertown was very similar to Stoneham, which makes me wish we could have beat Stoneham," said Woods, "But, we'll play them again (and) we'll see them again."

Wilmington was unable to secure wins in each three singles spots, including a 3-6 4-6 loss from Ryou, a 6-8 0-6 loss from Tripathi, and a 4-6 2-6 loss from Haas-Timm.

The 'Cats again found success in the doubles, where Benoit and LaVita came out on top 6-0 6-2, followed by a 6-3 6-3 win from Julia Kane and McBride.

As Wilmington is now 1-4 to start their season, Woods is confident that knocking the first win out of the way will set her team up for success throughout the rest of the campaign.

"We needed this win because now we know we are capable of winning against these schools," she said. "I'm starting to see what they need to work on and I'm getting to know them better as players too which is helping."

After a week off, the 'Cats will return to the court on April 24th against Melrose.

Boys Tennis

On the tennis courts, the boys had a perfect 3-0 week, including two 5-0 wins over Stoneham and Watertown to propel them on a four match winning streak.

On Friday, even though Watertown had to forfeit their first two singles players, head coach Rob Mailey is still proud of his team's compete level.

"They're one of the lower ability teams in the Freedom League, and they were missing their two top players so we won first and second singles by default," said Mailey. "We don't like to win that way but the other matches were (great)."

In the third singles slot, Owen Mitchell won 6-0 6-2 in a decisive match where Mitchell simply overpowered his opponent en route to a win in Wilmington's lone singles match.

In both doubles spots, Mailey saw vast improvement.

"We are playing better doubles, and that came out today with Sarthak (Tripathi) and Srikar (Mallajosyula), (they) won 6-love 6-1."

In the second spot, Mailey gave the nod to two JV players who were able to get the job done.

"I gave two of our JV



Wilmington High senior Carolyn Haas Timm reaches up to defend a tough shot during an earlier season home varsity tennis match. (photo by Bob DeChiara).

guys their first varsity match today, Adam Yalcin and Anthony Cummings. They played second doubles and did a really nice job, they won 6-1 6-2."

Mailey saw the entirety of his group dominate, which the 'Cats were able to continue from Wednesday's match with Stoneham.

"All the matches were never in doubt," said Mailey. "We were just (a) higher ability level than Watertown, and you could say the same thing about Stoneham."

First singles player Anuj Gandhi impressed in a 6-1 6-0 routing of his opponent.

"His opponent had no answer for Anuj," said Mailey. "He's an all-court player, he's good from the baseline, has a good serve, and he's also a good net player. There was really no weakness there."

Siddharth Karani also found success in the singles category, coming out on top 6-2 6-4 in the second singles spot.

"That match was a little more competitive, his opponent played a pretty good second set, but when it came to crunch time in the match Sid did prevail," said Mailey.

Mitchell, winning his match 6-1 6-0 at third singles, is on an impressive streak that Mailey has high praise for.

"Owen is on a real good roll," he said. "That match was never in doubt, he played really well in the big points and didn't

let his opponent into the match."

At doubles, Mailey went with a different recipe from the Watertown match, but still found similar results, starting with Eric Packer and Ryan Weinstein's 6-1 6-1 win.

"(They) placed very disciplined doubles, which made me happy," said Mailey.

At second doubles, the 'Cats featured Nick DiGiovanni and Mantvydas Banevicius in a 6-3 6-1 win.

"That was their first varsity match this year," said Mailey. "They played very well. Nick's serve was lights out and Monty was very good at the net. (It was) a good combination."

Now at 4-2, Wilmington will have the entirety of this week off before matches with Melrose on April 24th and Burlington on April 26th.

"We got two big ones in a row coming up right after school vacation, we play Melrose, which is a much improved team this year, and then we play Burlington," said Mailey. "That's going to be a true test for where we're at because both those teams are higher level teams than who we played this week."

Girls Track

Even though half of the roster is different from last year's state championship team, the wins keep coming for the much younger and inexperienced Wilmington High

School girls track-and-field team.

Last Friday, Wilmington defeated Wakefield 81.5-54.5 to improve to 2-0 on the young season.

"We had a great win over a talented Wakefield team. We had a lot of personal bests and seasonal bests and the goal is to just keep getting better as the season progresses," said head coach Joe Patrone. "We're off to a good start on the season. We hope to keep improving each time out."

Two individuals took home a pair of first places with Alli Ganley and Mollie Osgood. Ganley, who had to change from running events to throwing events because of an injury from gymnastics, took home the discus (85-

05) and javelin (92-01) titles.

"Alli has been doing very well in the throws, in particular the javelin where she has qualified for the state meet and the discus," said Patrone.

Osgood won both the 100-meter hurdles (18.56) and high jump (5-0).

The other individual first places came from Addy Hunt in the mile (5:44.30), Ali Doherty in the 100 (13.65) and Molly MacDonald in the 200 (28.29).

In addition to that, both of the relay teams came away with first places. The 4x100 team of Lily McLaughlin, MacDonald, Anna Jancsics and Doherty finished at 54.92 seconds, and then the

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The senior members of the WHS Boys Lacrosse team includes back row from left, Ashton Stalker, Patrick LeBlanc, Thomas Gargan and Peter LeBlanc; front row from left, Mark Donovan, James Caples, Michael Daniels, Nathan Alberti and Owen White. (photo by Eric Canha).



Wilmington High sophomore Addy Hunt competes in one her races during Friday's home win over Wakefield held at the Frank Kelley Memorial Track. (photo by Eric Canha).

Wilmington College Round-Up

LaVita now making big throws at the collegiate level

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The spring NCAA season is in full force — track meets, baseball and softball games, and lacrosse contests feature many of Wilmington's proudest athletes as they continue their collegiate seasons.

Only a freshman, the University of New England's Sarah LaVita is making quite the impact for the Nor'Easters on the track.

For the week ending in March 26th, LaVita was named as the CCC Women's Track and Field Rookie of the Week.

In that span, LaVita took first place in the javelin at the Swanson Classic with a school-record throw of 36.21 meters, clearing all other bids by over four meters. The throw also lands the freshman 35th overall on the NCAA Division III Women's Outdoor Qualifying list.

LaVita also competed in both the shot put (8.79 meters) and hammer throw (18.92 meters) at the Swanson Classic.

On April 1st, LaVita participated in the Tufts Snowflake Classic, posting two third place finishes in the discus (33.94 meters) and the javelin (31.30 meters).

LaVita closed out a spectacular start to the outdoor season with a second place finish in the javelin (34.04 meters) at the Tymann Invitational on April 8th.

The Nor'Easters return to action at the Silfen Invitational on April 14-15 as well as the Saint Joseph's Relays on April 22nd.

At Bryant, senior Emma Garrity started her outdoor season at the Black and Gold Invitational on April third with a first place finish in the 800-meters (2:13.39).

Garrity continued her success on the track at the UMass Invitational on April 10th, claiming third place in the 400-meter (56.13). In her event, Garrity holds the third-best time in the America East.

The Bulldogs are back in action April 15-16 at the Bucknell Outdoor Classic before the George Davis Invitational on April 22nd.

At Holy Cross, freshman Celia Kulis placed sixth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.02) at the Bryant Invitational on April 2nd.

Kulis returns to the track for the Friar Invitational on April 14th as well as the Merrimack

Alumni Classic on April 15th.

Merrimack's Angelina Zaykovskaya finished tenth in the 400-meter

back in action on April 14th between the Larry Ellis Invitational, the Ocean State Invitational, and the Northeast

Trinity College Invitational on April 22nd. At Worcester State, freshman Andrew Stokes started his spring season

runs scored as the Rams are 14-9 on a four game winning streak.

Costello looks to carry this momentum into games against MCLA (April 15th) and Salem State (April 17th).

At Northern Essex, Tristan Ciampa has appeared in six games thus far for the Knights, posting a 5-0 record and a stellar 0.75 ERA.

In a 6-0 win against Oakton Community College on March 14th, Ciampa fanned 14 batters in 6.0 innings en route to the victory.

In an April 2nd 8-0 win over Holyoke, the right-hander tossed five innings, while striking out eight.

The sophomore has totaled 41 strikeouts this season as the Knights are 18-6 with upcoming games against Community College of Rhode Island on April 15th and Fisher College on April 17th.

At Franklin Pierce, senior pitcher Danny Gracia has appeared in five games this season for the Ravens, including a March 26th 13-1 win over Saint Anselm. Gracia tossed 4.0 innings, striking out five in the effort.

Most recently, the right-hander pitched 5.0 innings in an April 8th 10-5 win over Bentley, allowing just two runs and picking up a strikeout.

The Ravens are dominating with a 21-9 record as they approach matchups with Saint Anselm (April 15-16) and Assumption (April 21-23).

Graduate student Carl Beatrice has appeared in nine games this season at Salem State. In a 4-3 win over Lasell on April 4th, the righty tossed 2.1

Softball

For two consecutive weeks, Framingham State's Ally Moran was named MASCAC Pitcher of the week.

For the week ending April 9th, the junior pitched a 3-0 week with an ERA of 0.00, striking out 13. Highlighting her streak of performances was her complete game shutout outing over Emmanuel on April 4th where she struck out five, allowing only three hits.

The previous week, Moran again earned a 3-0 week, posting a 0.64 ERA, picking up 12 strikeouts, including 10 between two outings against Mass Maritime in an April 2nd doubleheader.

Moran is 12-3 on the season with a 1.11 ERA in 82.1 innings pitched as the Rams are 17-9 with matchups against MCLA (April 15th) and Salem State (April 17th) approaching.

Men's Lacrosse

At Seton Hill, freshman Gavin Erickson has appeared in four games this season for the Griffins, including an April 8th 22-8 win over Wheeling where the midfielder had two assists.

The Griffins are 8-3 as they shift their focus to Mercyhurst on April 15th and the University of Tampa on April 22nd.

Women's Lacrosse

At Colorado Mesa, sophomore goalie Shannon Murphy has appeared in eleven games this season, including a 10-8 win over Fort Lewis on April 14th where she made ten saves.

In back to back outings against Saint Leo (March 21) and Rollins (March 23), Murphy made a season-high 16 saves in both losses.

The Mavericks are off to a 6-5 start with games against CSU Pueblo (April 16) and UCCS (April 21) on the radar.

Women's Tennis

At Colby Sawyer, senior Emily Hill appeared in a match on March 16th, winning 0-6, 6-4, 10-7 against Salve Regina's Sailor Nordstrom.

Hill also picked up a win on March 14th 1-6, 7-6 (0-5), 10-5 over SUNY New Paltz's Onalee Batcheller.

Colby Sawyer sits at 12-7 with matches up next with UMass Boston (April 17th) and Saint Anselm (April 21st).



Just a freshman, Sarah LaVita has already broken some records as a member of the University of New England Women's Track-and-Field team. (courtesy photo/UNE).

with a time of 1:06.23 at the UMass Lowell Invitational to start her spring season on the track.

The freshman continues her outdoor season at the Merrimack College Alumni Classic on April 15th and the George Davis Invitational on April 22nd.

At Bridgewater, Junior Juliana Patrone placed third in the high jump (4'9.75"/1.47m) at the Corsair Classic on April 1st.

Patrone also competed in the high jump at the Springfield College Classic on April 8th, leaping 4'11.75"/1.52m for a fourth place finish.

The Bears are back in action at the Silfen Invitational on April 14-15 as well as the Tufts Sunshine Classic on April 22nd.

Men's Track and Field

At UMass Lowell, graduate student Joseph Gaudreau's time of 10.92 was good for second place as well as a personal best in the 100-meter at the UMass Lowell Invitational on March 24th.

At the Colonial Relays the following weekend, Gaudreau contributed to a third-place sprint medley relay squad, posting a time of 3:29.68.

Following two solid performances, Gaudreau wasn't done just yet. At the Merrimack Invite on April 6th, he posted his second personal best of the spring season, winning the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.64.

The River Hawks are

Challenge.

At Assumption, freshman Colby Medeiros opened his outdoor season with a third place finish (4:07.62) in the 1500-meter at the Bridgewater State meet on March 26th.

The following week, the freshman took second (1:56.84) in the 800-meter at the AIC Invite on April 2nd.

He then took seventh (4:22.04) in the mile at the Merrimack College Track Carnival on April 8th.

Medeiros and the Greyhounds continue their season at the Silfen Invitational on April 14th and the SNHU Penmen Relays on April 15th.

At Stonehill, senior Tyler Thomas took 18th in the shotput (12.01 meters) at the UMass Lowell Invitational on March 24th.

Thomas also competed at the Merrimack Track Carnival on April 6th, notching a top-15 finish in the discus (32.28 meters).

Thomas and the Skyhawks are back in action on April 15th for the Merrimack Alumni Classic and April 22nd for the Holy Cross Meet.

At Westfield State, freshman Johnny Ware began his spring season with a 4th place finish in the javelin at the Wesleyan Spring Classic on March 26th.

The next week, Ware posted a second place finish in the javelin (45.48 meters) in what was his first throw at the Corsair Classic on April 1st.

Ware and the Owls return to play at the Jerry Gravel Invitational on April 15th as well as the

in the 800-meter, placing 30th with a time of 2:37.35 at the Bridgewater Invite on March 25th.

At the Corsair Classic on April 1st, the freshman placed 28th with a time of 5:31.05.

Stokes then took 34th (5:11.32) in the 1500-meter at the Jim Sheehan Memorial Meet on April 8th.

Stokes and the Lancers continue their season at the Tufts Sunshine Classic on April 22nd.

Baseball

At Framingham State, freshman Shane Costello was not only named the MASCAC Rookie of the Week for the week ending April 9th, he was also named the MASCAC Baseball Player of the



Week.

Already his second Rookie of the Week honor of the season, Costello batted .611, going 11-for-18 with a .667 slugging percentage in a 3-1 week.

In a 15-0 win over Bridgewater State, the freshman went a perfect 5-for-5 with two RBI.

Through 23 games this season, Costello is batting .427 with 15 RBI and 24

innings, allowing one hit en route to the win.

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Boys Lacrosse team defeats Arlington, 9-5

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4x400 relay team of Alexis Melvin, Mallory Brown, Emily Grace and Hunt finished at 4:34.32.

Junior Hannah Bryson came away with a pair of second places, first in the 400-meter hurdles (79.05) and in the two-mile (12:24.13). Brown added a second in the mile (5:48.22) as did Hunt in the 800 (2:41.06).

"Addy Hunt, Mallory Brown, and Hannah Bryson continue to get better in the distance events," said Patrone. "Addy and Hannah both had tremendous kicks as Addy anchored the 4x400 relay to victory and Hannah edged out the Wakefield runner by .03 of a second to get important second place points, just missing her personal best

in the two-mile."

The other second places came from MacDonald in the javelin (83-01), Maddie Krueger in the discus (78-02), Kayla Flynn in the 100 hurdles (20.42), triple jump (29-06) and high jump (4-6) and McLaughlin in the 100 meters (14.16).

Rounding out the scoring with third places included Maeve White in the 400-hurdles (80.72), Osgood in the long jump (13-11.75), Maddie Krueger in the shot put (27-08), Grace in the 400 (64.79), Melvin in the triple jump (29-01.25), Jancsics in the javelin (68-11) and Gabby Fitzgibbons in the high jump (4-4).

Boys Lacrosse

On the turf, the boys lacrosse squad is out to a 2-3 start to the season with recent matchups with Arlington and Pentucket.

On Wednesday, the 'Cats topped Arlington by a score of 9-5 to find themselves back in the win column.

"We did a really good job possessing the ball, and playing at our pace," said head coach Jeff Keefe. "Team defense was great, we had a couple guys step up on the defensive end and really shut Arlington down."

Leading the way for Wilmington was Nathan Alberti, who's six goals ignited an offensive push over the Spy Ponders. After three games to adjust to the speed of var-

sity lacrosse, Keefe feels his players were more prepared for Wednesday's matchup.

"We just had to get some newer guys experience, get them into situations where they felt comfortable where they can contribute," he said. "Once those guys were able to do that, we were able to play the game we want to play. Just playing a faster speed, and dictate the pace of the game a little bit better."

Following the win, the 'Cats suffered a 20-4 loss to Pentucket on Friday.

"We lost a tough one there, we went out there and the game kind of got away from us," said Keefe. "We started off okay, and then some of our inexperience caught up to us a lit-

tle bit. They did a good job of taking advantage of their opportunities, so the score was worse than what it was. Whenever we made mistakes, it cost us."

Despite the loss, Keefe has taken notice of the play of Bobby Cyr throughout the entire season, a long-stick midfielder who does it all.

"He sets the tone physically and defensively for us," he said. "He's huge in all three zones. He plays defense, he clears, he even plays a little offense for us once in a while. He's a leader (vocally) and by setting the example, (he's) been huge for us early in the season and we expect him to keep being a big part throughout the rest of the year."

As Wilmington eye Triton and Essex North Shore this week, Keefe knows this time of year is when his team needs to reveal their identity.

"April vacation is always the time where you try to find an identity," said Keefe. "We picked up a little bit where we left off last year, but this is a new group. Knowing who we are and what we have, we got to figure out what's going to work for us best going forward. We got some time over vacation and in practice to get those guys experience and figure out what's going to work best for us and find some momentum in the second half of the season."

Into Action Recovery to host annual golf tournament, June 26

On Monday, June 26th, Into Action Recovery will be hosting their sixth annual golf tournament at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut.

Registration will begin at 6:30 am for a 7:00 am first tee shotgun start and will be followed by an Italian dinner luncheon with raffles and prizes.

There will be a price of \$150 per golfer that will include 18 holes of golf in carts, entry to the luncheon, a \$10,000 putting contest, a goody bag, and various other competitions and raffles.

The luncheon is also open to the public and tickets can be purchased for the price of \$40.

Into Action is currently searching for corporate sponsorships for the amounts of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500. The "Hole in One" \$2,000 sponsor will be given a complimentary foursome, their logo/name on an 8' banner, as well as recognition in the paper. The \$1,000 "Eagle" sponsor will

receive two tickets to the Italian Dinner, their logo/name on an 8' banner, tee sign and social media posts, and recognition in the paper. Lastly, the \$500 "Birdie" sponsor will revive their name on an 8' banner, tee sign and social media posts, and recognition in the paper. There are also openings

for tee sponsors in the amounts of \$200 and \$100 for either a business advertisement or "In memory of a loved one."

The deadline for any sponsorship is May 26th and all inquiries must be emailed with the business name/logo (in jpeg format) to intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com.

To sign up, email intoactionrecovery2015@gmail.com or call Mary-Ellen at 978-273-6722.

Checks can be made payable to Into Action Recovery and mailed to: PO Box 253, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

Shawsheen Tech Sports Round-Up

Rams Softball team enjoys dramatic come from behind win

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BILLERICA -- On opening day, the Shawsheen Tech softball team rebounded from an 11-7 deficit to defeat Greater Lowell by a 15-14 score.

Nine days later, in a game at Lowell Catholic, the Rams trailed by a 6-0 score after two innings before embarking on quite a comeback.

In the end, Shawsheen won by an 11-7 score, outscoring LC by an 11-1 margin over a four-inning stretch that started in the third and ended in the sixth.

"It was a great comeback," said first-year coach Jodi Campbell. "We dug ourselves quite a hole."

Senior Mia Bisso wasn't perfect on the mound, but settled down nicely, allowing only two runs after Lowell Catholic erupted for five in the bottom of the first inning.

The Rams scored three times in the third inning.

Sophomore Stephanie MacKeen reached on catcher's interference to start the frame before singles by sophomore Kayla Mason and sophomore Alivia Imbimbo.

With one out, junior Reagan Bowden hit an RBI single to score MacKeen. Senior Brooke Carlquist then followed with a double that plated Bowden.

With two outs, sophomore Gianna Caruso singled, scoring Carlquist.

The Rams tied the score with three more runs in the fourth.

After Bisso walked to lead off the inning, Mason hit a two-out single that advanced senior pinch runner Katrina Raymond to second.

An RBI double by Imbimbo was followed by a two-run double by Bowden, tying the game, 6-6.

With Bisso cruising on the mound, Shawsheen took the lead in the fifth with two runs.

Caruso led off the inning with a home run.

Freshman Frankie Reardon followed with a single before MacKeen hit a two-out single that scored Reardon to make it 8-6.

Lowell Catholic scored a run in the bottom of the fifth, but the Rams weren't done, scoring three times in the sixth to take a four-run lead.

Imbimbo led off with a double and scored on Bowden's base hit.

With two outs, Reardon singled and Bisso drew a walk to load the bases for junior Haylee Johnston, whose line drive was misplayed by the Lowell Catholic defense, allowing Reardon and sophomore Sage Dingivan, who was pinch running for Carlquist after her single, to score.

Bisso and the Ram defense took care of business down the stretch.

LC went down 1-2-3 in the sixth and only had a one-out single in the seventh before Shawsheen closed the door.

Now 3-2 overall, the Rams are off until a Monday, April 24 home game against Arlington Catholic before a Tuesday contest on Cook Street against Whittier Tech. The busy week also includes a Thursday trip to Wakefield to play Northeast Regional.

"The girls are getting better every day it seems," added Campbell. "We're really looking forward to next week."

TRACK-AND-FIELD

The Shawsheen Tech track-and-field teams lost to Greater Lawrence last week.

The boys lost by a score of 101-35 and the girls were defeated by the Gryphons, 94-42.

"Even though we lost the meet on both sides, I am confident that our athletes will continue to improve," said Ram coach Nick Sachetta.

In the boys meet, the Rams ended up with three first-place finishes on the day.

In the shot put, junior Zachary Rogers of Wilmington was the winner with a distance of 42 feet, 1 inch.

Sophomore Sid Tildsley took first place in the javelin, throwing 134 feet, 5 inches, almost 20 feet better than second place.

Rogers also won the 200-meter dash for the Rams in 23.63 seconds.

Shawsheen had five second-place performances good for 15 points.

Tildsley was a runner-up in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:02.53 and the long jump with a distance of 18 feet, 11 inches.

Gianni Zompa was second in the 110-meter hurdles in 17.96 seconds.

In the 100-meter dash, Zachary MacLauchlan was second in 11.71 seconds.

In the two mile, Noah Brooks was No. 2 in 11:12.26 and teammate William Biscan ended up third in 12:15.04.

Adding other third-place points for the Rams was Ethan Melanson in the mile, Brooks in the 800-meter run, Cameron Camelio in the high jump and Tom Robenek in the discus.

Several Shawsheen boys almost scored points, finishing fourth in their respective events including Zompa in the 400 hurdles and the triple jump, Matthew Ramsey in the 110 hurdles, Camelio in the 400, Joshua Caruso in the discus, Michael Ware in the javelin, Adam Doucot in the shot put, MacLauchlan in the 200, Gordon Noble in the 800 and the mile.

The Shawsheen 4x100 relay team didn't win, but the foursome of Jack McLaughlin, MacLauchlan, Rogers and Christian Rainone had a fast time of 45.2.

"That is very close to the school record," Sachetta said.

The Ram girls won five events against Greater Lawrence.

Alexis LeBlanc took first in the 100-meter dash in 13.51 seconds, Amelia Matzke captured the 800-meter run in 3:06.06, Gabriella Walazek added first-place points in the javelin with a distance of 74 feet, 7 inches and Lindsey Frontain won the discus with a heave of 84 feet, 4 inches, leading a 1-3 finish that saw Walazek place third with a distance of 83-4.

The Rams also won the 4x100 relay in 54.8 seconds with a combination of Kendra Minghella, Arianna Farrell, LeBlanc and Megan Steeves.

Second-place points for Shawsheen were scored by Brielle Pigott in the two mile in 15:35.69 and Minghella in the long jump with a distance of 14 feet, 4 inches.

Makayla Nolan was a runner-up in three different events including the high jump after she cleared 4 feet, 6 inches, the triple jump with a distance of 28 feet, 3 inches and the shot put with a throw of 28 feet, 7 inches.

Frontain added a third-place point in the shot put, throwing 27-4.

The girls also had several competitors just miss scoring, taking fourth in their respective events including Ayla Biscan in the two mile, Farrell in the 100-meter hurdles, Steeves in the 100-meter dash and the 200-meter dash, Olivia Quinn in the 800 and Addison Dunham in the javelin.

Shawsheen track and field is back in action on April 27 at home against

Greater Lowell starting at 4 p.m.

TENNIS

Sometimes, losses aren't the worst thing in the world.

The Shawsheen Tech co-ed tennis team suffered its first loss in over three years on April 5 with a 4-3 defeat at the hands of Lowell Catholic.

How did the Rams respond?

In two matches since that rare loss, Shawsheen has won two matches by a combined score of 13-1 including a 6-1 triumph over Greater Lowell last Wednesday.

Shawsheen is 3-1 overall after the Greater Lowell match.

The rematch with Mystic, which could be a showdown for the Commonwealth Athletic Conference championship, is set for Monday, May 8 in Billerica.

"We came into Greater Lowell with an edge," said Ram coach Jay Tildsley. "The team shook off the loss and were determined to play near perfect tennis."

The Rams won all three doubles courts in competitive matches.

Will Lamonica and Nate Barnes beat Greg Moore and Ted Lagent at the No. 1 spot by a 10-4 score.

At two, Christina Rivera and Jasmine Johansen defeated Lilly Tee and Monica Reardon, 10-5.

At third doubles, Jake Metcalf and Sarah Johansen outlasted Mia Burke and Kristin Burke, 10-6.

"Our doubles teams really played well," said Tildsley. "We have so much depth. It's very difficult for teams to match our talent throughout the lineup."

Shawsheen also took three of the four singles matches.

At the top spot, Trevor Engel was a 10-3 winner over Robie Tiago while Ethan Hines didn't drop a game in a 10-0 win against Teo Lopez.

At third singles, Robert Dodge cruised to a 10-2 win over Ian Fuller.

Greater Lowell's only point was a 10-3 victory by Mark Schroeder over Shawsheen's Faith Martin at No. 4 singles.

"These players are so fun to be around," said Tildsley. "They have great attitudes."

Next week, the Rams have three important CAC battles.

Monday, Shawsheen hosts Nashoba Tech before a Wednesday home match against Fellowship Academy. On Thursday, the Rams travel to Greater Lawrence to start their second trip through the league.

BOYS LACROSSE

Junior Chase Darcey scored six times and the Shawsheen Tech boys lacrosse team upped its record to 4-2 on Monday with a 16-5 win against Malden Catholic.

It's the fourth straight win for the Rams, who visited Belmont on



Shawsheen Tech's Brooke Carlquist gets in her defensive position as she awaits a swing from a batter during an earlier season varsity softball game.

(photo by Doug Hastings).

Wednesday and host Northeast Regional next Wednesday, April 26, at 4 p.m.

Shawsheen coach Chuck Baker wasn't sure what to expect from Malden Catholic, but was pleased when his squad passed a stiff non-league test with flying colors.

"It wasn't easy," said Baker. "It was probably the best game we've played all year."

Along with Darcey's six goals and one assist, junior Trey Elliott added four goals and an assist and Brayton Carbone and senior Derek Maguire of Wilmington each contributed three goals.

Netminder Quinn Guinane made 10 saves for the Rams.

"Defensively we played really well," added Baker. "We stayed out of penalty trouble and that helped us big time."

Sophomore Niko Georgoulis added 13 face-off victories for Shawsheen.

Baker was looking forward to Wednesday's game with the non-league Marauders from the Middlesex League as another good preparation for the rest of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference season.

"If we play like we did today, we will definitely have a shot to win," added Baker of the Belmont game. "Two (non-league) in a row would be nice."

BASEBALL

An eight-run third inning helped the Shawsheen Tech baseball team improve to 4-0 on Friday with a 12-0 mercy-rule shortened victory over visiting Greater Lawrence in a Commonwealth Athletic Conference contest.

"The kids did a good job," said Ram coach Brian McCarthy. "We never took the foot off the gas."

Up 4-0 after two innings, the Rams actually had two outs with nobody on base in that explosive third before sending a total of 15 batters to the plate in the frame.

Senior Aiden MacLeod

of Burlington started the rally with a double to left and scored on a ground-rule double by freshman Dyllon Pratt of Billerica. Senior Blake Parrott of Tewksbury reached on an infield hit and junior Evan Galanis of Tewksbury was hit by a pitch to load the bases before Tewksbury sophomore Robbie Welch's fly ball to right was misplayed, resulting in three runs scoring and Welch ending up on third base.

A walk to senior Mavrick Bourdeau of Billerica and a base hit by sophomore Nate Galanis of Tewksbury made it 9-0 before senior Mike Maselli of Wilmington and junior Brendan Lee of Billerica drew back-to-back walks to force in another run.

MacLeod had base on balls to force in Shawsheen's 11th run and a balk brought home Maselli to complete the scoring.

An RBI triple by Nate Galanis drove in Bourdeau, who doubled, for a 1-0 Ram lead in the first inning.

Shawsheen added three runs in the second when MacLeod singled, Pratt doubled and an error on a grounder by Parrott scored MacLeod and made it 2-0. Pratt scored on a double steal by the Rams and Parrott would eventually come home on a dropped third strike with Welch at the plate.

Sophomore pitchers Lukas Poirier of Wilmington and C.J. Newkirk of Tewksbury split the victory on the mound for Shawsheen. "They looked good," McCarthy said.

Poirier went the first three innings, striking out five, walking one and yielding only two hits.

Newkirk, in his first action of the season on the mound, pitched a 1-2-3 fourth and then escaped a bases-loaded jam in the fifth to finish the game.

A one-out single and a two-out hit batsman and walk filled the bases before Newkirk induced an infield pop up to end the game.

Before the fifth, Greater

Lawrence only had one runner reach second base, a two-out double in the third that Poirier took care of himself when he caught a pop up to end the inning.

Prior to the Greater Lawrence win, Shawsheen beat Essex Tech, 8-2, in an entertaining contest.

The Rams (4-0 overall, 2-0 in CAC play) actually trailed 2-1 late in the game before scoring seven unanswered runs.

"I give credit to the guys," said McCarthy. "I challenged them in the seventh inning. It was nerve-wracking for a coach, but that was a fun game."

MacLeod was the story of the game for Shawsheen both on the mound and with the bat.

MacLeod pitched a complete game, allowing two runs, one earned, and yielding just four hits. The senior finished with seven strikeouts.

The Rams led 1-0 after one inning before Essex took the lead with a run in both the fourth and fifth frames.

Shawsheen trailed 2-1 when it came to bat in the top of the seventh.

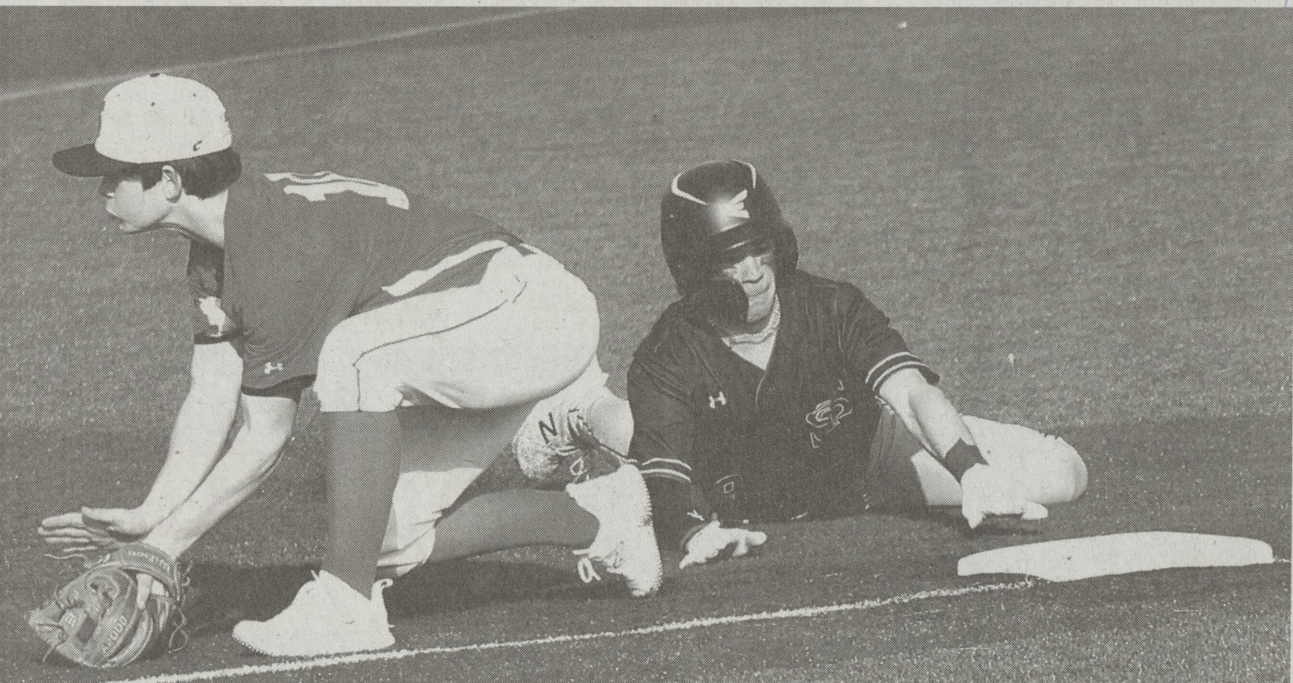
Welch and Bourdeau both had hits to leadoff the inning, setting up Nate Galanis' clutch two-run double to put the Rams head to stay, 3-2.

Shawsheen ended up scoring five more times before MacLeod set down Essex in order to close out the win.

MacLeod also had two hits, two RBIs and scored a run on offense while Bourdeau went 3 for 3.

The Rams have a busy stretch on the horizon.

After visiting Greater Lowell on Wednesday, Shawsheen hosts Lowell Catholic on Friday at 11 a.m., visits Saugus on Monday afternoon at 4 p.m. and then has CAC road games against Northeast Regional and Whittier Tech on Wednesday and Friday, respectively.



Robbie Welch of Tewksbury slides back into the first base bag on a pick-off attempt during an earlier season Shawsheen Tech Varsity Baseball game.

(photo by Doug Hastings).

Friends, teammates, helped turn Rivier program around

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NASHUA, NH - The past couple of seasons have been tough ones for the Rivier University Men's Lacrosse team, with the Raiders finishing with a losing record in each of those seasons, including last year's 6-10 campaign. But that has all changed this season, with the Raiders having one of the best seasons in the ten year history of the program, sporting a 10-3 record with one game remaining in the regular season.

There have been many factors to the team's success of course, including a senior laden, well experienced roster. But two of the biggest reasons for the turnaround are from right here in Wilmington, as senior midfielder Chris Pennie and senior attack Rob Fullerton are in the midst of the best seasons of their respective careers.

The dynamic duo, both 2015 graduates of Wilmington High where they starred for the Wildcats, have exceeded all expectations this season. Fullerton is currently third on the team with 34 goals, while also adding 16 assists, for a total of 50 points, which is also third on the team. Pennie meanwhile is tied for the team lead in assists with 21, while also adding ten goals of his own for a total of 31 points.

But as great as the season has been individually for each player, it has been the team's accomplishments that has each of them most excited as they prepare for the upcoming Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) playoffs, which are set to begin this Saturday.

"This year has been a lot of fun for us," Pennie said. "Coming into the season we knew we had a lot of potential, so capitalizing on that and accomplishing our goals has been really fun to be a part of."

"It has been great, seeing it's my senior year and final year of playing collegiate lacrosse," Fullerton said. "All of our seniors have worked hard for three years for this season and it has worked out because we finally got our first home playoff game in Rivier Lacrosse history."

Both players also agree that while they have been among the top scorers for the Raiders this season, the team's success goes much deeper than just their offensive firepower.

"We've had a lot of noticeable differences this year but I think it all comes back to the leaders on this team," Pennie said. "We have ten seniors (including Tewksbury's Sean Brady, a midfielder) and each one of us has embraced a leadership role this year. Everything we do starts with the seniors and the underclassmen have done a great job of buying in and following the seniors' lead, which has brought us a lot of success."

For Fullerton, it has been a great experience seeing this group of seniors come together as a group and perform as well as they have.

"The difference this year is our leadership from the captains to our ten senior leaders that all lead by example on and off the field," Fullerton said. "Having this many seniors has helped bring the team together and have everyone working towards one common goal. Also we have been spreading 'good vibes' across the whole team from coaches to players that we really never focused on before and it really has been working in our favor."

Rivier coach James DeLanoy, who is in his fifth year coaching the Raiders, has done a great job of turning the program around. He led the Raiders to the first two winning records in school history in 2015 and 2016, and knows that Pennie and Fullerton have been a big reason for the team's success this season.

"The success of this year's team stems from having a great group of ten seniors

who all want to leave a positive legacy," DeLanoy said. "The senior class is the largest in program history and they have been essential to the leadership of our entire team. Both Chris and Rob are a big part of our group of seniors who are all leading our team in the right direction every day."

Pennie and Fullerton have both been a bit of a surprise this season with their offensive exploits. Pennie, who was more of a faceoff specialist in previous years, winning 233-of-494 faceoffs in his career, has taken on a more prominent role this season. Although he has only started one game this season after starting eight last season, he has seen a lot of playing time this season, and has made the most of the opportunity with his career year. His previous career high for assists was three, but that was in a much more limited role.

"I took on a completely new role this year that definitely made me look better in the stat book but it's just been everyone doing their part," Pennie said. "Adapting to the new role has been smooth for the most part. Rob has been a huge help for me along with the other seniors on offense. Leading the team in assists is all well and good but it's really just been everyone else doing their job, showing up under my stats."

"This year I start at offensive middle, which isn't on the field for the opening face-off. I actually get a lot more minutes with the new role so it worked out well."

Fullerton has also seen an increase in his playing time this season. After starting a total of five games the previous two seasons and scoring a career high six goals last season, he has become one of the Raiders most reliable scorers this season with his 34 tallies while starting all 13 games. Fullerton says there have been several factors in his improved numbers.

"It has been a number of things, from getting to start every game of the season to the chemistry I have gained with my teammates over the last three seasons,"

Fullerton said. "Having ten seniors that all have big roles on the team has helped me be successful on the field because we all have confidence in each other and we enjoy seeing each other succeed on the field. The 34 goals are nice and all but I know I could not have done it without the rest of the team doing their jobs."

Fullerton has been particularly hot as of late, with four goals in each of the past two games in wins over Emmanuel and Northern Vermont-Johnson.

"I wouldn't say I am peaking but I did have some good games over the last two," Fullerton said. "I do believe this will give me some confidence going into playoffs seeing that we will most likely be playing against the same team (Emmanuel) which we beat 12-11 last Wednesday. Hopefully I will have just as good of a game if not better so we can advance to the semi finals."

DeLanoy has obviously been very happy with what he has seen from the two former Wildcats in their increased roles.

"Last year Rob did a great job in the role he was asked to perform in. This season he has been a starting attack man from day one. He has fully bought into how we want to and expect to do things. He has been setting the example for our younger guys in many ways," DeLanoy said. "In previous seasons we leaned hard on Chris to take the vast majority of our face-offs. This season his role shifted gears to contribute as an offensive midfielder and he has done a great job of seeing the field and distributing the ball at our offensive end."

Making this season, and their careers overall, even better has been the opportunity to experience it together. The pair had been friends as teammates with the Wildcats, but they have formed and even tighter bond as college teammates and roommates.

"Having Rob has been a weight off my shoulders, this year especially. He's



Wilmington residents Rob Fullerton, left, and Chris Pennie, right, have enjoyed strong seasons and careers while competing on the Rivier College Men's Lacrosse team. (courtesy photo).

been working harder than anyone this year and it's definitely been paying off for him," Pennie said. "I think our chemistry has been a huge help for us both on and off the field. Most of my assists have been to him and he's set me up for most of my goals this year. It seems like no matter what's going on in the game me and Rob know what to expect from each other. It's nice to have that consistency when everything else is constantly changing."

Fullerton has been equally as happy to share the team's great success with Pennie.

"It has been an honor to have him as a teammate. We have roomed here at Rivier for four years as well. We have just gotten closer each year whether it's on or off the field," Fullerton said. "In high school we were friendly but not nearly as much as we are now and I have to be honest, I never pictured us being college roommates."

"Overall we have been in many classes throughout the years here at Rivier as well seeing we both study Business Management. We both have been huge influences on each other and it has helped me throughout my whole career in school and on the field. These four years flew by and really can't believe it's all coming to end."

Of course Fullerton and Pennie, along with the rest of the Raiders are hoping the end does not come too

quickly. Their fourth place finish in the GNAC regular season assures them of a home game in the quarter-finals of the GNAC Tournament against a yet to be determined opponent, as the Raiders will attempt to get the first playoff win in program history.

"To be completely honest we've been looking forward to playoffs for a while now," Pennie said. "This year is the first time in school history we will have a home playoff game so we're all excited for that atmosphere."

"The first round is Saturday and depending on how the seeding works out this week we will be playing one of three teams in the first round, all of which we beat this year. We've been working really hard to get ready for round one and having a home crowd is going to be a huge advantage for us."

Both Pennie and Fullerton will be completely ready to go come faceoff time on Saturday.

"I'm ecstatic for playoffs!" Fullerton said. "Having home field advantage for the first round is going to be a huge advantage because we have never had it before and neither have we ever won a playoff game. So this being my last chance at a GNAC championship, I believe this is the best position we have ever been in to win that conference championship."



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